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PREFACE.

In addition to the proper records of the Convention of the Burghs of Scotland from 6th April 1597 till 13th July 1614, the present volume contains a collection of Extracts from other Records relating to the affairs of these Burghs, extending from 30th March 1345 to 19th July 1614.

A glance at the contents of the volume will suffice to show the wide range and important nature of the subjects with which the Convention was called upon to deal. The supervision of the Burghs, as regarded the enforcement of their general laws and customs, and the imposition and application of rates for local purposes; the allocation among the Burghs of the proportion of national taxation which they were called upon to pay; the maintenance of burghal rights and privileges against assault from whatever quarter; the protection of the rights and privileges of Scottish traders both at home and abroad; and the negociation of commercial treaties with foreign governments, and with the municipal authorities of trading towns on the continent, formed part of the recognized business of the Convention; and the publication of these minutes will, it is hoped, afford much important information in regard not only to the internal condition of the Burghs, but to the home and foreign trade of Scotland during the period embraced in the present collection.

On many of those occasions when the Scottish Burghs, or the more important of them, found it necessary to concert joint action, they met in Edinburgh as the Capital of the kingdom, and as the usual seat of the Court, and of the Privy Council, and the only record of their meetings is to be found in the Minute books of the Town Council. Frequently, also, Edinburgh had to make cash advances for the whole Burghs, and these were fully stated in the accounts of the Treasurer of the City. It seemed,

therefore, to be very desirable that these and other records of the Burgh, should be examined, and that such materials as they contained relating to the constitution or the affairs of the Burghs generally, should be extracted and printed along with the Records of the Convention itself. The Editor trusts that the contents of the Appendix, so far as these have been got from records and documents in the archives of the City, may be considered worth the trouble that their collection has given, and may justify as well as explain the delay that has taken place in completing the volume. The Editor acknowledges with much pleasure his obligations to Mr Adam, City Accountant, for having examined the accounts of the Burgh, and for having selected and transcribed the extracts now given from that source.

The Records of many of the other Burghs also contain much curious matter illustrative of the business of the Convention, the mode in which its resolutions were carried into effect, the provision made for its meetings, and the hospitalities shown to its members, the allowances made by the several Burghs to their representatives at the burghal parliaments, the cost of travelling, etc. To bring such materials together, in immediate connection with the Minutes of the Convention itself, would, it was thought, supplement and give additional interest to both. With that view, accordingly, an attempt was made to begin such a collection, and the extracts from the Records and Accounts of the Burghs of Dundee, Aberdeen, Ayr, and Haddington, given in the Appendix, are the result. It is desirable, however, that the collection should be made more complete, and be extended to other Burghs, by the co-operation of those who have facilities for examining local Records. Meanwhile it is only proper to state that the extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Dundee were furnished by the late Mr Christopher Kerr, Town Clerk. Those from the Accounts of the Burgh of Aberdeen have been extracted from the selections published by the Spalding Club. The extracts from the Council Records of Ayr have been supplied by the Town Clerk, while those from Haddington have been made by Mr Robb of that town, with the permission of the Town Clerk.

The Editor has to acknowledge his obligations to Mr Gibson of Kirkcaldy,

and to Mr Miller of Arbroath, for the trouble taken by them in examining the records of these Burghs. But for the fact that the present volume has largely exceeded the prescribed dimensions, the result of their examination would have been given. It must, however, be reserved.

The Convention has authorised the publication of a third volume, and has adopted the suggestion of the Editor, that much of the formal phraseology of the minutes should be excised, and an abstract merely of the less important acts given. By this means, undoubtedly, the volume will embrace a much larger period than could otherwise be included. But the labour and responsibility of editing will be proportionally increased, and while the Editor does not desire to shrink from the labour he has undertaken, he ventures to hope that a consideration of the multifarious official duties he has to discharge, may secure him the indulgence of the Convention, as regards the time within which he may be able to complete the work.

A Chronological List of the Conventions referred to in the volume and a Chronological Table of Contents, both prepared by Mr Harris, is herewith given. An Index of matters applicable to the whole Records of the Convention, &c., so far as these may be published, will be afterwards furnished.

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RECORDS

OF THE

CONVENTION OF THE ROYAL BURGHS OF SCOTLAND.

In the Generall Conwentioun off Burrowis, begunn and haldin at the brugh of Brunteland the fourt day of Iulij j^m v^c fourscoir sewintene zeirs, Compeirit the Commissioneris of Burrowis and producet thair commissiouns in maner following:—To wit, for At Brunteland.

EDINBRUGH, Henre Nesbett, merchand, George Heriot eldar, goldsmyth; Perthe, Patrik Blair; Dundy, Williame Doncane, Patrik Andersoun; Aberdein, Alexander Forbes; Glasgow, Thomas Pettecruif, Iames Braidwod, Iames Tempell; Sanct Androis, Maister Dauid Russell; Stryviling, Walter Cowane; Lynlythgow, Androw Ker; Air, George Cocherane; Hadingtoun, Iohnne Wilsoun; Kirkcaldy, Iohnne Hakett; Munros, Iames Makane; Anstruther Eister, William Blak; Dumfreis, Cuthbert Cwningham; Breching, William Ramsay, clerk; Elging, Alexander Boynd; Kirkcudbricht, Iohnn Inglis; Wigtoun, Iohnne Hannay, provest; Dumfermling, Thomas Couper; Dumbartane, Robert Watsoun; Arbroth be thair exemptioun producit

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be Edinbrugh; Brunteland, Schir Robert Meluill, zounger, provest, Patrik Greiff, Iohnn Symsoun, bailleis, Maister Androw Wilsoun, commoun clerk; Peblis, be thair exemptioun producit be Lanerik; Craill, Iohnne Makesoun, clerk; Kingorne, Capitan Dauid Bosuell; Dumbar, Maister Alexander Kellie; Forfar, George Suitie; Banff, Alexander Currour; Selkirk, Henre Blaikie; Culane, be thair exemptioun producit be Banff; Quhithorne, be thair exemptioun producit be Wigtoun; Northberuik, Thomas Lauder; Lauder, William Hoppringle; Innerkeything, George Durie, clerk; Kilrany, Iohnne Anstruther, clerk; Anstruther Wester, Androw Meluill, baillie; Dysart, Maister Iohnne Weymis; Couper, Iames Andersoun, clerk; Irewin, Patrik Cran, prowest; Iedbrugh, George Robesoun, thesaurer; Pittenweyme, Iohnne Cossar, clerk; Lanerik, William Wilkyne; Culros, Iohnne Forrett, clerk; Forres, William Dalgleische; Narne, be exemptioun producit be Forres.

Moderatour.

1. The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis electit, creatt, and constitute Iohnne Symsoun, commissioner for the brugh of Brunteland, thair moderatour during the tyme of this present conventioun.

Citatioun.

2. The samyn day, Maister Androw Wilsoun, clerk of the brugh of Brunteland, in name of the said brugh, veryfeit the lauchfull citatioun of the burrowis to this present conventioun be the directioun and delyuerance of the generall missiue as vse is.

Statute, houres of conveuning. Speiking.

3. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris hes appointit and sett the houris of thair meitting, during the tyme of this conventioun, to be and begin in the place of conventioun at aucht houris in the morneing and contenew quhill tuelf houris, and at tua houris efternone quhill sax houris at evin, and ane bell to be rwng at the saidis houris of meitting, and the persouns absent at the ceissing thairof and calling of the rollis to pay ane vnlaw of aucht schillingis vnforgewin; and als statutis, for the better expeditioun and comlie ordour to be keipit during this present conventioun, that nane sall speik thairatt quhill he be speirit att be the moderatour or without his licence, vnder the pane foirsaid.

Innerkething.

4. The samyn day, findis that be ane act of the Particular Conwentioun of sex burrowis, haldin at Edinbrugh the tuentie day of Iulij lastbypast, be wertew of ane act of the last Conventioun Generall, haldin at Aberdein, the brugh of Innerkeything is specialie ordanit to tak and bestow the soume of ane hundrethe pundis, awand to thame be Harie Doncane thair

conburges, vpoun the vphald of thair herberie ; and siclyk to bestow the soume of foure hundrethe merkis awand to thame for the entres siller of thair commoun landis callit the Grenis vpoun the biging of the comoun calsay that passis throw the saidis landis, as at mair lenthe is contenit in the said act ; for the better executioun quhairof the saidis commissioneris ordanis the said brugh of Innerkething to imploy the saidis soumeis in maner before reherseit betuixt this and Alhallowmes nixt at the sicht of the brughis of Edinbrugh, Dysart, Brunteland, Kirkcaldy, quhome the saidis commissioneris of burrowis hes appointit to direct thair commissioneris for veseting the said wark, rewewing of the comptis thairof, and seing the saidis soumeis imployit as saidis ; and the said brugh of Innerkething to conwene thame vpoun the grund betuixt and the said day to that effect, and to report thair delegence thairvpoun at the nixt generall conwentioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li, incais thai failze in imployement of the said j^c li, and vnder the pane of xl li, incais thai failze in imployement of the said iiij^c merkis, to be payit to the burrowis ; and the present commissioner to tak the extract of this present act and to intimit the samyn to his brugh.

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Commissio.

5. The samyn day, the brugh of Brunteland producit ane deicreit of depriwatioun of William Trumbill thair conburges for non residence within thair said brugh, for veryfeing of thair delegence for executioun of the 13 act of the last conwentioun generall maid thairanent, quhairvpoun thai asket instrumentis.

Brunt Iland Trumbill.

6. The samyn day, for guid and ressonable caussis schawin to thame be the commissioneris of the brughis of Dumbartane, Elgyne, Dumfreis, Kirkcudbricht, Dumbar, Northberuik, grantis and gevis thame licence to depairt and to returne hame fra this present conventioun ; and thai be thir presentis ratefeis all thingis done and to be done in this present conventioun.

Licence to Dunbartane, Elgeyn, Dumfreis, Kirkcudbricht, Dumbar, Northbervik.

7. The samyn day, compeirit George Robesoun, commissioner for the brugh of Iedbrugh, and actit him selff of his awin consent to content and pay to Iames Wynrame, agent, in name of the burrowis, the soume of tuentie thre pundis foure schillingis, quhairof the soume of tuentie pundis for thair vnlaw, quhilk the said brugh incurrit at Aberdein be thair absence thairfra, and the said thre pundis iiijs. for the clerk and agent feyis, betuixt this and the xxiiij day of Iulij instant, vnder the pane of fourte pundis.

Iedburgh, Agent.

BURNTISLAND, 5 July 1597.

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Statute: commoun guids. Missiue.

8. THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris foirsaidis statutis and ordainis, zit as of before, that ilk brugh schaw and produce at the nixt generall conwentioun thair exact delegence, be autentik writ subscrywit be thair commoun clerk, in ryding and perambulatting thair meithis and mercheis, rowpping and setting of thair comoun guid, conteneand the particular rentall of thair commoun guid, commoun landis, rentis, few, maleis, soumeis and dewteis thairof, takis of the samyn, daittis and zeiris, that it mey be knawin to the saidis burrowis gif thai haue done thair dewtie in putting thair commoun rent to the best awaill, conforme to the actis maid thairanent of before, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt generall missiue.

Statute. Burgess making.

9. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis ratefeis and apprewis the latter pairt of the xliiij act of thair generall conventioun haldin at Dysart in the moneth of Iunij 1593, quhairbe it is statute and ordanit that na brugh sall admit or ressaue ony maner of persoun to be thair burges before he be ane actuall indueller of the samyn, and quhair ony sic persouns ar admit that thai depryve thame of thair libertie with delegence, ordaneing the samyn to be put to scherp executioun in tyme cuming, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw off ane hundrethe pundis to be payit to the burrowis be the brugh failzeand thairinto; and als ratefeis and apprewis the act of the generall conventioun haldin at Mwnros in the moneth of Iunij 1591, quhairin it is statute and ordanit that all merchandis resortand to France, Flanderis, or ony pairtis bezoynd sey, sall at ilk tyme ressaue ane tikett of thair deyne of gild or magistrattis, as the said act at mair lenthe proportis,—ordaneing the samyn to be put to scherp executioun, with this additioun, that ilk brugh quhair ony sey port[is], caus the skipper of ilk schip arrywand thairatt fynd sourtie, actit in their buikis, that thai sall ressaue na merchand nor passinger in thair schipis, veschellis, or creyaris, passand bezoynd sey, without ane speciall tikett of the deyne of gild or magistrat of the brugh, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis, to be peyit to the brugh for ilk persoun ressauit without the said tikett, conforme to ane act of parliament maid thairanent, and that thai gif na tikett, to ony merchand without he be burges off ane fre brugh; and ordanis ilk brugh to caus the samyn to be put to dew executioun, with the said act at Mwnros,

Saillers Tikkets.

vnder the pane aboue mentionat; and last, ratefeis and apprewis the xxxiij act of the last generall conventioun haldin at Aberdein, anent the regratouris and foirstalleris repairing to fairis and merkettis, and burgessis and vther seruandis vantand the tiket of thair fredome, ordaneing the samyn with the actis foirsaidis to be put to dew executioun, and that ilk brugh schaw and produce thair delegence at the nixt generall conventioun in executing ewerie heid of this act, vnder the pane off ane vnlaw of xx. li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

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Regratouris, forestallers, kowpers. Missiue.

10. The samyn day, anent the xij act of the last generall conventioun concerneing the land mesour and watter mettis, findis dyuerssis burrowis, and speciale the brugh of St. Androis, nocht to haue fulfillit and obeyit the said act, and thairfoir ordanis thame, with all vther burrowis, to schaw thair mair exact delegence in writt at the nixt generall conventioun vpoun the putting of the said act to executioun and pvnisching of the transgressouris thairoff, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Metts and mesours. Missiue.

11. The samyn day, ordanis ilk brugh within thair boundis to put to executioun the act of burrowis concerneing the transporting of woll furth of the samyn, vnder the paneis thairin contenit, and speciale that the brugh of Edinbrugh schaw and produce to the nixt generall conwentioun thair delegence in writt in pvnisching, conforme to the said act, thair nichtbouris that hes or heirefter sall transport ony woll furth of the realm, owther with licence or without the samyn, vnder the pane of fyve hundrethe markis to be payit to the burrowis.

Woll. Edinbrugh.

12. The samyn day, ratefeis and apprewis the act of burrowis maid aganis the traffik and negotiatioun of burrowis within the dominiouns of Spayne, as at mair lenthe is contenit in the said act maid at Edinbrugh the tent day of Iulij 1593 zeiris, and ratefeit in the conwentioun at Perthe primo Iulij 1595,—albeit nocht insert in thair conventioun buik,—ordaneing the samyn to be obseruit and keipit be all the burrowis fra the tyme of this conventioun to the nixt generall conventioun in all pointis and circumstanceis thairof, vnder the paneis thairin contenit, and the commissioneris present to aduerteis thair brughis of the samyn, and thai to put the samyn to scherp executioun during the said space, and report thair delegence thairof at the nixt generall conwentioun, with the nameis of the contrauenearis, and penulteis vpliftit fra thame, vnder the paneis contenit in the said act, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Trafficque in Spayne. Missiue.

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Glasgow. Missiue.

13. The samyn day, anent the erectioun off ane gildrie within the brugh of Glasgow and estabillisching the samyn amangis the inhabitantis thairof, conforme to the xix act of the last general conventioun at Aberdein, togidder with the ix act of the Particular Conventioun haldin at Edinbrugh in the moneth of Iulij last, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, with consent of the present commissioneris of the brugh of Glasgow, contenewis the said mater to thair nixt generall conventioun, and ordanis the said brugh to send thairto thair commissioneris, ane for the merchandis and ane vther for the craftis, sufficientlie instrucit with thair rychtis, ressouns, and alegeancis, and to heir and se the samyn fulle decyidit be the saidis burrowis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundrethe pundis, to be payit to the saidis burrowis be the parties failzeand, and the present commissioneris to aduerteis thair brugh heirof, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Hadingtoun. Charge Agent.

14. The samyn day, findis and decernis the brugh off Hadingtoun in ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis, to be payit to Iames Wynram, agent, in name of the burrowis, becaus thair present commissioner producit na delegence in writt concerning the rentall of thair commoun landis, commoun guid, setting and rowpping thairof, and ryding of thair meithis and mercheis, quhairwith the said Iames is ordanit to be chairgeit in his comptis.

Abirdene *contra* Bamff.

Charge agent. Missiue.

15. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Aberdein and the generall agent aganis the brugh off Banff, for haueing outland burgessis and nocht depryweing thame of thair liberteis, contrair the commoun weill and statuteis of the burrowis, the saidis compleneris being present and the saidis defenderis, being laufullie warneit be the generall missiue and nocht compeirand, the saidis burrowis decernis the said brugh of Banff in ane vnlaw of xx. li. for thair contumacie, to be payit to thair agent in name of the burrowis, and ordanis thame to be warneit to the nixt generall conventioun to send thair commissioneris sufficientle instrucit to the nixt conventioun generall to ansuer to the said complaint, and specialie to schaw thair delegence in depryueing of Alexander Dauidsoun and William Doncane and all vtheris thair burgessis duelland outwith thair brugh, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundrethe pundis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Craill *contra* Anstruther Eister. Missiue.

16. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Craill aganis Anstruther Eister, thair commissioneris being present, contenewis the decisioun of the said mater to the nixt generall conventioun, [when they ordain their com-

missioners to appear] sufficientlie instrucit to ansuer thairto vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. BURNTISLAND, 5 & 6 July 1597.

17. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris ratefeis and appreweis the act of the conventioun generall haldin at Dysart, ordaneing the Factouris in Campheir to desist and ceis fra all bying or selling of ony Scottis wairis to thair awin behuiff bot onle to the weill and proffeit off the merchandis quhome to thai ar subiect to mak compt thairoff, and ordaneing my lord Conseruatour to se the samyn put to dew executioun, as at lenthe is contenit in the fourte ane act of the said conwentioun; and siclyk, ratefeis and apprewis the xxxiiij act of thair generall conventioun haldin at Stirling in the moneth of Iunij 1594, concerneing the saidis factouris, and zit as of before ordanis my lord Conseruatour to caus put the saidis actis to dew executioun vnder the paneis thairin contenit. Factouris in Campheir. Conseruatour.

18. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris electis, creattis, and constitutis the persouns vnderwrittin thair commissioneris for alteratioun of the Generall Extent Roll of Burrowis, geveing thame our full powir and commission thairinto, and promesand to hald ferme and stable thairinto; That is to say, Henre Nesbett and George Heriott, commissioneris of Edinbrugh; Androw Ker, commissioner of Lynlythgow; Iohnn Wilsoun, commissioner of Hadingtoun; William Wilkyne, commissioner of Lanerik; Patrik Blair, commissioner of Perthe; William Doncane, commissioner of Dundy; Iames Andersoun, commissioner of Couper; Alexander Forbes, commissioner of Aberdein; and Maister Dauid Russell, commissioner of Sanct Androis; quhilkis persounis accepted the samyn vpoun thame and gaue thair aithis for setting of the said extent dewlie and laufullie, but feid or fauour, according to thair conscience, etc. Alteratio. Extent roll.

Sexto Iulij j^{m} v^{c} lxxxxvij.

19. THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris foirsaidis ratefeis and apprewis the fyftene act of the last conventioun at Aberdein, with all vther actis maid of before aganis the transporting of burnecoll furth of the realm,—ordaneing the samyn to be put to dew executioun in all pointis vnder the painis thairin contenit, with this additioun, that ilk brugh at quhais sey port it sall happin ony schipis, boittis, or creyaris, to schip or ladyn ony Statute. Burnecoill. Missiue.

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burnecoll, or zit to cum within the herberie thairof with the said burnecoll, quhair ewir the samyn was schippit, that thai caus the merchand, awner of the said burnecoll, and skipper of the said schip and creyar, fynd cautioun that thai sall report ane sufficient testimoniall, subscrywit be the magistrattis or commoun clerk of the brugh within the realm in quhais boundis thai alege thai intend to los the samyn, that the samyn is lost and sauld thairatt, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis, to be payit to the brugh quhair the said cautioun is fund; and that the brugh of Dysart, Culross, and all vther brughis quhome it effeiris, schaw and produce in writt thair delegence heirvpoun at the nixt generall conventioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tua hundrethe pundis to be payit to the burrowis; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

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Burnecoill. Agent. Conseruatour.

20. The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis for, better executioun off the actis maid of before for restraning of burnecoll within the realm, ordanis my lord Conseruatour to send and delyuer to Iames Wynram thair agent, betuixt this and the first day off October nixtocum, the nameis of all sic persouns as arryuit within the Law Cuntreyis this tua zeir bygane with burnecoll furth of this realm, and the said Iames to send the samyn to ilk brugh quhairfra thai com to be pvnischit conforme to the actis of burrowis maid thairanent; and the said Iames to reporte his delegence thairvpoun at the nixt conventioun, and in all tyme cumming that the said lord Conseruatour wrytt vp the nameis of thais persouns that sall happin heirefter to arrywe within the Law Cuntreyis with burnecoll send the samyn to the said Iames, to be vsit in maner foirsaid be him and be the burrowis quhome it apertenis; and forder that my lord Conseruatour sall wryt vp and send hame the nameis of the merchandis, fre or vnfre, quha sall happin to arrywe in the Law Cuntreyis, to the magistrattis of the brugh quhair thai com fra to the effect that the vnfremen thairoff may be tryit, and that ilk brugh report thair delegence of the said tryell in pvnisching of the said vnfremen to the nixt generall conventioun, vnder the pane off ane vnlaw of xl. li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. And this

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ordinance was presentlie intimit to my lord Conseruatour being personalie present.

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21. The samyn day, findis my lord Conseruatour may tak na conseruatour fe of ony wairis arrywand within the cuntrey of Flanders fra France, Ingland, Eister Seyis, or ony vther pairt, except fra Scotland alanerlie, suppois the saidis guidis apertene to Scottis men, and thairfoir dischairgeis him of all vplifting of ony conseruatour fey of the saidis guidis in all tyme cuming.

Conseruatour fie.

22. The samyn day, anent the excyse of sex lastis Inglis beir and tua twn and ane half wyne, within the toun off Campheir and apperteneing to the natioun, and be dyuerss actis maid of before distinguischit from the rest of the excyse beir and wyne awand to the natioun be the said brugh off Campheir, my lord Conseruatour being personalie present, att the eirnest desyr of the saidis burrowis was content and consentit to giff his concurrence and fortefecatioun in tyme cuming to sic as the burrowis sall appoint and nominat for vplifting of the said excyse of sex lastis beir tua twn and ane halff wyne, and to giff his bilzett to the said persoun and to na vtheris for ressaueing thairoff, and to caus him be ansuerit thairof to his powir; in respect quhairoff, and in consideratioun that the said excyse of sex lastis beir tua twn and ane halff wyne hes bene abusit in tyme byganc, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis hes fund expedient and ordanit, that the brugh of Aberdein or ony vther brugh that pleissis sall, with all possibill delegence, elect and nominat ane sufficient and responsall persoun, for quhome thai wilbe ansuerabill, to ressaue the saidis sax last excyse beir and tua twn and ane half excyse wyne, quhill the nixt generall conventioun, fra the said toun of Campheir, and thair Excyse Maister his entre thairto to be and begyn att the first day off October nixt, and he to be haldin to pay to the burrowis, at thair said nixt generall conventioun, threscoir pundis grit for the samyn, and the rest to pertene to him selff for his paneis, trauellis, and expenssis; and the said brugh to be cautioner and souerte for the said persoun for payment of the said soume to the saidis burrowis; quhilk persoun sua electit and nominat as saidis the said brugh or burrowis sall present to Iames Wynrame, thair generall agent, quhome thai ordane to gif and grant vnto him ane varrand vnder his awin subscriptioun, and vnder the subscriptioun of thair generall clerk, direct to my lord Conseruatour for caussing him to be ansuerit of the samyn.

Excyse beir and wyne. Conseruatour.

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Generall Extent roll.

23. Followis the Generall Extent Roll of Burrowis, of ane hundrethe pundis, presentlie alterit be the extentouris electit thairto in maner following, to indure for the space of thre zeiris.

Edinbrugh	xxviij li. xv s.	Peblis	xiij s. iiij d.
Dundy	x li. xv s.	Carraill	xvj s.
Perthe	vj li. iij s. iiij d.	Kingorne	xviij s.
Aberdein	viij li.	Thane	x s.
Glasgow	iiij li. x s.	Selkirk	x s.
Sanct Androis	lvj s. viij d.	Anstruther Wester	x s.
Dysart	xl s.	Culros	ix s. iiij d.
Stirling	xlvj s. viij d.	Dumbar	x s.
Lynlythgow	xviij s.	Banff	viij s.
Air	xliij s. iiij d.	Quhithorne	v s.
Hadingtoun	xxxviij s.	Forfar	vj s. viij d.
Kirkcaldy	xxx s.	Rossay	iiij s.
Mwnros	xxxij s.	Forres	vj s.
Couper	xxx s.	Ruglein	iiij s.
Anstruther Eister	xxxiij s. iiij d.	Northberuik	iiij s.
Dumfreis	xxxvj s. viij d.	Culane	iiij s.
Innernes	xxxiij s. iiij d.	Nayrne	iiij s.
Breichin	xxiij s.	Lauder	v s.
Irewin	xxiiij s.	Innerkeithing	x s.
Elgyne	xx s.	Kilrany	ij s. iiij d.
Iedbrugh	xxij s.	Kirkcudbricht	xviij s.
Wigtoun	xv s.	Pittinweyme	xviij s.
Dumferling	xviij s.	Dumbartane	xxij s.
Renfrow	xij s.	Lanerik	xvj s.
Abirbrothok	xiij s. iiij d.	Brunteland	xvj s.,viij d.

Suma totalis is j^{c} li.

Air, Glasgow, certane acts Regestratt.

24. The samyn day, compeirit the commissioneris of the brughis of Air, Glasgow, and producit the actis vnder writtin, and thairvpoun desyreit the allowance of this present conventioun, and to be registrat in thair buikis, thair authoritie to be interponit thairto, with executoriallis to follow thair-

vpoun, as effeiris ; quhilkis actis being red and considerit, the saidis commissioneris ratefeit and apprewit the samyn, and ordanit thame to be registrat in the buik of conventioun in maner foirsaid, exceptand awayis that pairt of the saidis actis concerning the mesouris and jadgeis, quhilk thai allow na forder nor agreis with the lawis of this realm :—off the quhilk act the tennour followis. BURNTISLAND, 7 July 1597.

At Glasgow the xxiiij day of Aprile j^{m} v^{c} four scoir fyftene zeiris : The quhilk day compeirit the Commissioneris of Burrowis in the West efterspecyfeit, be missiue send be ather to vtheris, to awyse, treitt, and conclude vpoun certane effairis for the weill of the burrowis, sic as to put ordour to the gadge of hogheidis and barrellis, and reformeing of vnfremenis traffiking ; and als to put remeid and ordour to burgessis, fremen, nocht duelland nor beirand commoun chairgis within thair brughis, and ewerie commissioner producit ane commissioun direct fra the brugh he was commissioner as followis :—Air, George Cocherane, baillie ; Glasgow, Iames Stewart, baillie ; Thomas Mwre, Iames Tempill ; Irewin, William Scott ; Dumbartane, William Cwninghame ; Renfrow, Iohn Iaksoun, Adame Knok, bailleis ; Rothsay, Iohnne Stewart ; Ruglein, Iohnne Ryddell.

The quhilk day, it was agreit and concludit be the commissioneris foirsaidis, observing the preuelege of thair brughis, conforme to the act maid in the generall conwentioun of burrowis haldin last in Stryviling, that the magistrattis of ewerie ane of thair touns sall caus all persouns maid burgessis be ony of thair touns that duellis nocht nor makis actuall residence thairinto, and ar traffikqueris as fremen or hes ony comoun landis within ony of the brughis foirsaid, to be chairgit be thair nameis in speciall, ather personle or at the mercatt croceis respectiue, vpoun ane mercatt day in tyme off mercatt, be thair officeris, to cum and resorte to thair said brugh quhair thai war maid fre with thair fameleis, and thair to mak actuall residence and duelling within the samyn, and to do sic thingis as becumis thame and vnderly the chairgis of the toun, as vther fremen dois, betuixt and the fyftene day of Iunij nixt, makand publicatioun and certefecatioun to thame gif thai failze thairin thair fredomeis salbe cryit doun, and thai fra that day furth to be repute, haldin, and visit as vnfremen, and haue na preuelege of fredome thairinto. And siclyk the saidis commissioneris hes statute and ordanit, that in tyme cuming thair salbe na persoun maid freman and burges in ony of the saidis touns bot sic as ar actuall induelleris, resident

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within the samyn, and mak securite for remaning and induelling thairinto, and doing of his dewty of the samyn as becumis ane freman; and incais he makis nocht residence to tyne his fredome *ipso facto*, and to be repute vnfre in all respectis fra thine furth.

Item, that ewerie ane of thair touns sal be thair commissioneris geve up ane report of the haill nameis of all vnfremen that vsis traffik of fremen within thair boundis to the nixt generall assemble of burrowis, that thai may be persewit be the agent thairfoir.

At Glasgow xxv Aprile 1595. The quhilk day, the haill commissioneris of burrowis before writtin, haifing consideratioun that, vpoun eirnest suite the gadge of hering, quhyt fische, and salmond, the hogheid was reducit fra auchtene gallouns, to fyftene gallouns, and now haifing ressonit and weill awyseit that, for skairsness of tymer in this west cuntrey, and of skowis for making of treyis in sic grit quantite be verray bair and skant to be gottin, and thairfoir hard it is to keip the said grit gadge, albeit in verray deid thai ar maist willing to caus the samyn be of fyftein gallouns, sa neir as thai gudle may: For sateffactioun and obidience of the auld statutis and constitutiouns sett doun thairanent thairfor all in ane voce hes concludit, and be thir presentis byndis and oblissis thame and thair brughis foirsaidis, ilk ane to vtheris, to caus everie couper, craftismen, makeris of hogheidis and barrellis, in thair saidis touns respectiue, to mak the samyn hogheidis of fyftene gallouns, or at the leist xiiij gallouns and ane halff, and the barrellis to be the half thairof; and sua mony as sall nocht extend [to] that quantite of xiiij gallouns and ane halff, and the barrell the half of the samyn, salbe confiscatt be the magistrattis and visitouris of ilk brugh as salbe appointit thairfore in the samyn respectiue; and ilk brugh thairof quhais magistratis and vysitouris failzeis thairintill, and dois nocht thair extreme and exact delegence for executing thairof, sall pay of penulte to the said remanent burrowis, keiparis of the samyn, the soume of ane hundreth pundis, and for the better obseruance of the premissis it is concludit be the saidis commissioneris that the makeris of the saidis treyis sall stampe ilk hogheid and barrell wrocht be him with his awin mark, that it may be knawin of sufficient wark and quantite as saidis; and that of all sic treyis as thai sall happin to mak for paking of salmond, hering, and quhyt fische alanerlie, vnder the pane of x li., of everie persoun making

the samyn les, being convict thairintill be the magistrattis of the brugh quhair thai deull *totius quotiis;* and to this effect ilk brugh mak ane stamp to be keipit be the visitour of the said brugh, to the effect na trey wanting the samyn mark be vsit, and the visitour marking the trey of les quantitie to pay ane hundreth pundis. And forther, for restraning of vnfremen fra vsing of fremenis treyis in paking and peilling, it is ordanit that na visitour appointit as saidis sall affixit the touns mark vpoun ony treyis to be maid to quhatsamevir vnfremen, keipand the quantite aboue rehersit; and that na freman quhatsamevir by packit hering fra vnfremen nor vtheris except markit as saidis vnder the said pane of j^{c} li.; and that na freman, cowper or vtheris, sall sell ony treyis stampit with the touns mark to ony vnfremen, except thai first scraip off and put away the touns mark thairfra, vnder the said pane of j^{c} li.; and alsua thai haue ordanit that na awner nor skipper of ony schip, bark, or boit, ressaue in the samyn ony vnfremenis guidis quhatsumevir, nor zit ony hering, salmond, or quhyit fische of ony fremenis, bot sic as salbe stampit with ony of the saidis touns mark, vnder the pane of j^{c} li.; and the haill pennalteis abouvrittin, sa oft as thai salbe convict, to be vpliftit be the magistrattis and visitour of ilk brugh quhair the contrauenear duellis, and to be bestowit vpoun the comoun weillis thairof, all except the penalteis appointit for ilk brugh, quhairof the magistratis and visitours be thair negligence or vthervayis ar contrauenearis, and nocht putting this act to executioun concerning the gadge, the samyn to be vpliftit be the generall agent of the burrowis to the vtilitie of the haill burrowis, keiparis and obserueris of the ordinanceis abovespecyfeit. And for tryell and probatioun of the contrauentiouns the haill commissioneris foirsaidis consentis and ar content that ony honest inhabitantis of the said brugh or ony of thame salbe admitit in sufficient witness for proving of the said contrauentioun, quhen the samyn sal happin to be persewit before quhatsumevir judge, nochtwithstanding ony alegeance of the law that may be alegeit in the contrair, renunceand the samyn fra thame and thair brughis respectiue foirsaidis for evir; and, that the actis before writtin in this conventioun may be obseruit and corroboratioun thairof, the foirnameit commissioneris sall caus the commissioneris of everie ane of thair touns that salbe direct to the nixt generall assemble of burrowis to craif and maist eirnestlie suite the assistance, confirmatioun, and approbatioun of the samyn,

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be the haill commissioneris of brughis that salbe present at the said generall conventioun, that thair authoritie may be interponit thairto and executioun follow thairvpoun as effeiris. In takin of the promiss all before writtin hes subscrivit the samyn as followis, at Glasgow the xxvj day off Aprile 1595: followis the subscriptiouns:—George Cocherane, baillie, commissioner for Air, William Scott, as commissioner for Irewin, Iames Stewart baillie and commissioner of Glasgow, William Cuningham for Dumbartane, Iohn Iaksoun for Renfrow, Iohn Stewart commissioner for Rothsay, Iohn Ryddell baillie of Ruglein, with our handis at the pen led be the notaris vnderwrittin. Ita est Henricus Gibsoun notarius de mandato dictarum trium personarum scribere nescientium manibus suis. Ita est Iacobus Wynram commissionarius in premissis requisitus. Extractum de libris actorum burgi de Glasgow per me magistrum Henricum Gibsoun, notarium ac communitatis scribam eiusdem testibus meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

Commissio customes ix burrowes.

25. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis presentle convenit, foirseing that the actis maid be his Maieste at Dundy, anent the customeis and bulzeoun, ar verray hurtfull and preiudiciall to the saidis burrowis, gif thai sall tak full effect as thai ar begun alreddy, thairfore they haue thocht expedient and ordanit that the present commissioneris of the brughis vnderwrittin, that is to say, Henre Nesbett, George Heriott for the brugh of Edinbrugh, Patrik Blair for Perthe, William Doncane for Dundy, Alexander Forbes for Aberdein, Maister Dauid Russell for Sanct Androis, James Andersoun for Couper, William Blak for Anstruther Eister, Johnne Cossar for Pittinweyme, John Makesoun for Craill, sall pas to his Maiesty to Sanct Androis, or ony vther place quhair his Maiesty sall happin to be, and thair to lament the caus of the saidis burrowis, and gif neid beis to expone the vnlawfulnes of the saidis actis and to schaw the inconvenientis arryseing thairvpoun to the haill liedgeis, alsueill as to the estait of burrowis, and how the samyn wilbe ather stowin or spent vpoun serchouris or collectouris with litill awantage to his Maiestie bot gritter hurt to his grace subiectis, and inrespect thairof to trauell that the exactioun of the saidis customeis and bulzeoun, according to the saidis actis, may be suspendit and contenew to the nixt parliament; with powir to the saidis commissioneris, giff, efter lang trauell and solistatioun this can

nocht be impetrat, to transact and agre with his Maiesties Lordis of Counsall and Cheker, be taking ane tak or richt of the saidis customeis and bulzeoun, for payment of ane zeirle soume for the samyn, vpoun prouisioun to be maid that the saidis burrowis be put in als guid estait as thai war anent the saidis customeis and bulzeoun before the making of the saidis actis, with prouisioun the soumeis to be payit for the saidis customeis be onle tane and maid vp of the guidis and wairis subiect to the saidis rigorus customeis, and na vthervayis. BURNTISLAND, 7 July 1597.

26. The samyn day, forsamekle as thair is dyuerssis and wechtie effairis concerneing the estait of burrowis quhilkis ar nor can nocht be decyidit in this present conventioun, as alsua that thair is dyuerssis materis abill to fall furth before the nixt generall conventioun, quhilk without spedy deliberatioun may importe ane grit preiudice to the saidis burrowis, thairfoir the saidis commissioneris gewis full powir and commissioun to the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perthe, Dundy, Aberdeyne, Glasgow, Air, Sterling, Sanct Androis, or ony sex of thame, to direct thair commissioneris to convene, sitt, and treit, woitt, and conclude, vpoun all materis that hes intervenit or heirefter may intervene concerneing the said estait of burrowis, and speciale anent the mater of the customeis and bulzeoun, as they salbe aduerteist be the agent at the directioun of the brugh of Edinbrugh; and quhatsamevir thing the saidis brughis, or ony sex of thame conveneand, be thair commissioneris sall resolue and do in the premissis, the saidis commissioneris present for thame selffis and thair saidis burrowis promesis to ratefe and allow the samyn, and to beir thair burding in halding hand thairto, prosecuting and obeying thairof at thair powir; and the burrowis conveneand to haue powir, to vnlaw the burrowis absent in ane vnlaw of xl li. sua oft as thai ar laufulle warneit; and quhat expenssis it sall happin the saidis commissioneris to mak in conveneing as saidis thay ordane thair agent to refound the samyn at the sicht of thair comptis quhilkis salbe thankfulle allowit to him. Commissioun generall. Aucht burrowes.

27. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris gewis powir and commissioun to the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perth, Dundy, Aberdein, Glasgow, Air, Sterling, Sanct Androis, or ony sex of thame, to tak in the comptis off Thomas Fischer, merchand in Edinbrugh, anent the impost grantit at Deip according to the actis of burrowis maid thairanent at , perfyte, end, and subscrywe the samyn, allow and disallow according to thair con- Commissio. Fyschearis compts.

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science and knawlege, at sic tymeis and placeis as they sall think expedient, and as the saidis burrowis micht do thame selffis *promittentes de rato.* And the said compt to be presentit to the burrowis at thair nixt generall conventioun to the effect thai may tak forder ordour thairwith as apertenis.

Burnt Iland. Extent for support. Missiue.

28. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in before thame be the present brugh of Brunteland, craiffand thair cheritabill support for the accomplisching of the godle wark with the biging of thair paroche kirk, the saidis commissioneris, inrespect of the said supplicatioun and at the eirnest requeist of the ministeris of the said brugh, granttis and gifis to the said brugh the soume of thre hundrethe markis to be bestowit vpoun the said wark efter the day and dait heiroff, vpoun compt to be maid thairof to the saidis burrowis; and the said soume to be vpliftit in maner following, to witt, gif thair interweynis ony extent of the burrowis betuixt this and the nixt generall conventioun the said soume of thre hundreth markis to be eikit thairto and vpliftit with the samyn and payit to the said brugh be the collectour of the said extent, and gif na extent interweneis that it be ane heid of the next missiue, desyring ilk brugh to bring and produce thair pairt of the said soume according to the last extent roll at the nixt generall conventioun, vnder the pane of xx li.

Agents compts Commissio.

29. The samyn day, gevis powir and commissioun to the commissioneris of Edinbrugh, Lynlythgow, Glasgow, Air, to heir the comptis of Iames Wynrame, thair generall agent, off his intromissioun of all zeiris and termeis sen his last comptis, allow and disalow, fute and subscryve the samyn, *promittentes de rato.*

Montrose *contra* Abirdeyne. Missiue.

30. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Munros aganis the brugh of Aberdein, for taking of ane excyse boll of thair burgessis, the commissioneris of baith the saidis brughis being personle present, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis contenewis the decisioun of the said mater quhill the next generall conventioun, and ordanis baith the saidis pairteis to cum sufficientle instructit thairto, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Exemptions of Dunbar, Irewyne, Forres, Narne, Anstruther Wester, Kircudbricht, Northbervik, Culane, Layn-

31. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis hes eximit and exims the brughis vnderwritten fra all conventiouns of burrowis for the space of thre zeiris nixtocum in maner following, to witt:—Dumbar and Irewin fra all conventiouns be north Forth, Forres and Narne fra all conventiouns be south Tay, Brechin fra all conventiouns be south Forth, An-

struther Wester fra all conventiouns outwith Fyfe, Kircudbricht, Northberwik, Culane, Lanerik, Forfar, Kilrany, Lauder, Elgyne, Selkirk, Banff, fra all maner of conventiouns during the said space; prouyding awayis that thai and ilk ane of thame send to ilk generall conventioun, with the commissioneris of the nixt brugh, thair autentik lettre of ratificatioun of all thingis to be done in the said conventiouns, togidder with all soumeis of money that it sall happin thame to be restand awand to the burrowis for clerk and agent feyis, vtherwayis to be vnlawit as absentis, and the expenssis that thair commissioner wald haue cost them to be employit vpoun thair commoun warkis and compt maid thairof to the burrowis vnder the pane of xx li.

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rik, Forfar, Kilrany, Lauder, Elgeyn, Selkirk, Banff.

32. The samyn day, decernis the brugh of Peblis in ane vnlaw of xx li. for non payment to Rodger M'Nacht, collectour of the burrowis, of the extent of the wyneis in anno 1589, prouyding awayis that gif thai produce to James Wynrame, generall agent, ane sufficient aquittance of the said extent thai to be fre of the said vnlaw.

Peblis vnlawet. Chairge Agent.

33. The samyn day, for caussis and considerationns moveing thame, remitis and dischargeis to the brugh of Culros thair vnlaw of xx li. incurrit for thair absence at the last conventioun in Aberdein, and anent the vnlaw of ane hundrethe pundis quhairin thai ar adiudgeit in the said conventioun, suspendis the execution thairof quhill forther tryell be tane be the saidis burrowis thairanent.

Culros. Agent.

34. The samyn day, remitis and dischargeis to the brughis of Banff and Culane all bygane vnlawis awand be thame to the burrowis, alsueill of this present conventioun as of before.

Bamff. Agent.

35. The samyn day, ordanis James Wynram, agent, of the first and reddiest of the vnlawis and vther soumeis intrometit with be him pertening to the burrowis, to content and pay to Mr Androw Wilsoun, commoun clerk of this brugh, the soume of xx li. for his panis and trauellis in citatioun of the burrowis to this present conventioun, and siclyk to pay to the officeris of the brugh the soume of iij li. for thair panis and trauellis, and the samyn salbe allowit to him in his comptis.

Precept, Agent. Wilsoun. Officeris of Brunt Iland.

36. The samyn day, desertis and disolueis this present conventioun, and appointis and affixis thair nixt generall conventioun to be begun and haldin at the brugh of Glasgow the first day of Iulij nixt, with continewatioun of dayis, and ordanis the commissioner of the said brugh to mak aduerteise-

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Charge agent.

ment to the magistratis thairof, and thai to mak warneing to the burrowis be the generall missiue.

37. The samyn day, decernis the brughis of Innernes and Tane in ane vnlaw of xx li. for non compeirance to this present conventioun, quhilk thai ordane Iames Wynrame thair generall agent to vplift, quhairwith he is to be chairgeit in his comptis.

Culros, Stirling. Missiue.

38. The samyn day, vpoun consideratioun of the brugh of Culros, findis that the said brugh is inrollit in their nomber as ane fre brugh, and thairfoir ordanis the samyn to be fre at all brughis within this realm for sic dewteis as brugh payis to brugh and na vthervayis, and anent thair complaint aganis Stirling ordanis the samyn to be ane heid of the nixt missiue, and thai to be warneit as vse is.

Brunt Iland. Impost.

39. The samyn day, gewis licence to the brugh of Brunteland to impetrat of our souerane lord the gift of ane impost of all guidis and merchandrice lossit and ladyn within their herberie, and of na vther, for the space of thre zeiris, according to the licence and quantite of the impost last grantit to Aberdein, and gif thai scik double dewty that it be tane onle quhair and quhen the guidis chaingis the awner and na vtherways.

Henry Nisbet.
George Heireot, Elder.
Patrick Blair.
Alexander Forbes.
Mr Dauid Russel.
George Cochrane.
I. Andersone.
Iohne Makesone.
Andro Meluill.
Thomas Cowper.
Wilzam Blak for Anstruther Ester.
A. Boynde.
Will. Ramsay for Brechin.
William Duncan.
Andro Ker.
Thomas Pettegrew.
William Pringill for Lauder.
George Suittie for Forfar.
Walter Cowane.
William Wilkyne.
I. Wilsoune.
David Bosvell.
Mr Ihone Wemis.
Ihone Hacket.
Iohnne Corsaw for Pettinwem.
Georg Robsoune for Iedbruch.
Henrie Blakie, commissionar for Selkirk.
Iohnne Forrett for Culros.
Patrik Crane.
Alex^r Currour for Banff.
William Dauglesche.
Iames Macken.
G. Durie for Innerkething.
I. Anstruther for Kilrany.

A. GUTHRE.

EDINBURGH, July 1597.

In the Particulare Conventioun of Commissioners of the Burrowis following, begun and haldin at Edinburgh the xviij day of Iulij j^m v^c lxxxxvij zeirs, be vertew of the act of the last generall conventioun of Burrowis haldin at Brunt Iland, and be vertew of the citatioun maid be directioun of the burgh of Edinburgh: Comperit the Commissioners vnderwrittin and producet the commissiouns grantit vnto thame for haldin this present conventioun, to witt: Edinburgh.

Edinburgh, Henry Nesbet, George Hereot, eldar; Perth, Iames Adamsoun; Dundie, Ihone Fynlawsoun; Abirdeyne, Dauid Kargill; Glasgow, Iames Tempell; Sanct Androis, William Lermowth, elder.

xviij° Iulij j^m v^c lxxxxvij°

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioners foresaids being convenet, Henry Nesbet, commissioner of Edinburgh, and Maister Alexander Guthre, commoun clerk thairof, with Iames Wynrhame, agent, vereifeyet the lawfull citatioun and directioun of the missiues for halding this present conventioun, to the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdeyne, Glasgow, Sanct Androis, Stirling, Air, conform to the said act of the last generall conventioun. Citatioun.

xx° Iulij j^m v^c lxxxxvij°.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioners foresaids being convenit to consult vpoun the meane and way to redres and repair the greitt hurt and preiudice done to the haill burrowis, and to the haill lieges of this realme, be the acts of ane allegeit Conventioun of the Estaitts haldin at Dundie in Customes Bulzeoun.

EDINBURGH, 20th July 1597.

May last, be the quhilk his Maiesteis customes of all guids outwart is alterit and rayset, the bulzeoun ordainet to be extremelie exactet, and ane new intollerabill custome of all guids inwart invented and set doun, according to ane A, B, C, maid thairvpoun, as at lenth is contenit in the saids acts: after lang resoning had thairanent, this day and thir twa dayes bygane, the saids commissioners fynds that it can nocht stand with the weill of the Burrowis to enter in offer with his Maiestie or with the Lords of Chekker for the saids customes to tak ane tak thairof, or promitt any soumes of money for the samyn, or zitt to enter in any transactioun thairvpoun, be resson that in swa doing thai sall approve and allow the saids acts and secluid thame selffis fra all ordiner remedy aganes the samyn, and gif occasioun to the haill lieges to lay the haill blayme vpoun the Burrowes quha wald nocht abyde tyme; as alswa that be exampill of the impost of the wyne thay can nocht think that conditioun sall be langer keippit vnto thame nor his Maiestie and thair Lordships sall pleis to abyde thairat; and last, becaus thai think that the nobility and haill lieges, fyndand the damnage and interest of the said new customes to strik principally vpoun thame, efter thai haif felt the bitternes thairof will be easely movet to gif thair concurrance for repayring of the samyn; and thairfore thay think it maist expedient to abyde ane better tyme in howpe to obteyne redres at the nixt parliament, quhilk thai ar in expectatioun to be verray schortly, and in the meane seasoun that the saids commissioners present sall speik his Maiestie and the Lords of Chekkare seuerally, gif in thair supplicatiouns lamenting thair caus and euir seiking redres, dissenting to the said acts and protesting for remeid in tyme and plaice convenient; nixt that the saids commissioners aduerteis thair burghis, and ilk burgh aduerteis ane other, exhorting thame to travell with the lords, erles, barouns, and gentilmen, quha hes na les entres in this mater, to concur in complening and seiking all lawful remedeis; and als that ilk burgh suld vse all lawfull meanes to stay all tred and handling, afeyld and hamewart, that euery ane may feill thair awin skayth and preiudice be sic kind of novatiouns; and to that effect the saids present commissioners to do all diligence at thair awin burgh, and that burgh to travell with the nixt burghis to prosequte this course quhill it pleis God to send and minister occasioun to haif the saids acts rescindet and satlet, ordour tayne with commoun consent, and the Burrowes reponet to thair ancient liberteis, prevelegies, and immuniteis;

nocht dowbting but his Maiestie at last sall be movet to haif better consideratioun of thair guid seruices, and of the lose and damnage sustenit be his Grace subiects in gritter mesoure than the saids new customes can be stedabill to his Maiestie; and als ordanes that the supplicatiouns gevin in and to be gevin in be keippet *ad futuram rei memoriam* as taikins of the Burrowes delegence, and of thair dissenting to the saidis acts at Dundie; and quhen ane parliament sall be proclamet the saids commissioners ordanes the burgh of Edinbrugh to mak wayrning to the said aucht burrowes to convene before the day of the parliament for consultatioun anent the remedeis to be vset aganes the saids acts. EDINBURGH, 20th, 22d July 1597.

xxij Iulij j^{m} v^{c} lxxxxvij.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioners foresaids decernis the burghs of Stirling, Air, euery ane in ane vnlawe of fourty pund for thair absence fra this present conventioun, being lawfully wayrnet thairto, and ordanis Iames Wynrham, agent, to vplift the samyn and to be charget thairwith in his compts. Stirling, Air, vnlawet.

Henry Nisbett.
Geoirge Heireot, elder.
Dauid Cargill.
Iames Tempill.
Iames Adamsone.
I^{o} Findlasoun.
Willeam Lermoth.

At Edinburgh the xvj day of December j^{m} v^{c}. lxxxxvij zeirs, the quhilk day the Commissioners of Burrowes vnderwrittin, that is to say:

Rychart Doby, Archibald Merteyne, for Edinbrugh; Robert Flescheour, (*blank*) for Dundie; Henry Adamsoun for Perth; Iames Setoun, Maister Thomas Molysoun, for Abirdeyne; Iames Bell for Glasgow; Dauid Customes. Bulzeoun.

EDINBURGH, 16th December 1597.

Fergushill for Air; Walter Cowane for Stirling; Iames Henslie for Iedburgh, Ihonn Ryddell for Rugleyne; Dauid Watsoun for Sanctandrois; being convenet, after resoning vpoun the ordour to be tayne with his Maiestie anent his Maiestie's customes and bulzeoun, gevis thair power and commissioun to the aucht burrowes that ar vpoun the Articles of this present parliament, that is to say, Henry Nesbet, George Hereott, for Edinburgh; Henry Adamsoun for Perth; Ihonn Fynlawsoun for Dundie; Alexander Rutherfurde for Abirdeyne; Sir William Seytoun for Hadingtoun; Robert M'Brair, for Dunfreis; the Laird of Dayrsie for Sanct Androis; the Laird of Benhard for Lynlithgow; to intreat and conclude and agrie with his Maiestie and Estaitt of Parliament and Lords of Articles, for ane solide forme and establischet ordour to be tayne with his Maiesties customes, outwart and inwart, and with the bulzeoun, in all tyme cuming, as the said burrowes sall fynd guid for thair security; and for avoyding of all forther trubill and inconvenientis thairanent, that thai offer to his Maiestie that quhat custome any guidis payet be the customes rollis vset in Edinburgh, the tyme of his Maiesties coronatioun, the sam to be rayset and set to four penneis for ane thairof, nocht comptand thairin the customes of the wyne quhilk sall stand as it is now; and gif this offer can nocht be acceptet that the burrowes sall tak the said customes and bulzioun in thair awin hand and pay his Maiestie thairfor zeirly fra thine furth in tyme of peax the sowme of twenty thowsand pund money.

Henry Adamsoun, Perth.
Archbald Mertene.
Dauid Fergushill.
Iames Bell.
Iames Ainslie.
Io. Findlasoun.
Richard Doby.
Iames Setoun.
Mr To. Mollisoun.
Walter Cowane.
Alexr. Rutherfurd.
W. Lermonth, Provost of Sanctandrois.

In the Generall Conventioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Glasgow the first day of Iulij I^m v^c lxxx auchtene zeiris: Compeirit the Commissioneris of Burrowis and producit thair commissionis following: to wit for

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Edinbrugh, Alexander Persoun, ane of the bailleis, Alexander Myller, tailzeour; Perthe, Patrik Blair, merchand; Dundy, Alexander Lyoun, baillie, Maister Alexander Wedderburne, commoun clerk; Aberdein, Maister Thomas Meynzes, baillie; Glasgow, Iames Forrett; Stirling, Walter Cowane, deyne of gild, Doncan Patersoun, thesaurer; Lynlythgow, Androw Ker, clerk; Mwnros, William Murray; Sanctandrois, Dauid Wattsoun, deyne of gild; Air, Iohnne Masoun, clerk; Dysart, Maister Iohne Weymis, baillie; Hadingtoun, Iohnne Wilkyne; Kirkcaldy, Iohnne Hakquett; Cowper, William Crystesoun; Anstruther Eister, Iohn Anstruther, clerk; Dumfreis, Robert Rychartsoun; Innernes, (*blank*); Breichin, (*blank*); Irewin, Archbald George; Elgyne be thair exemptioun and missiue producit be Iames Wynraham; Iedbrugh, (*blank*); Kirkcudbricht, (*blank*); Wigtoun, Iohnne Edzear; Pittinweyme, (*blank*); Dumferling, William Prattes; Dumbartane, Robert Watsoun; Renfrow, William Somerwell; Lanerik, be thair exemptioun and lettre of ratefecatioun producit be William Wilkyne; Arbrothe, be thair exemptioun and missiue; Brunteland, Nicoll Clapen; Peblis, (*blank*); Craill, (*blank*); Kingorne, Iohnne Reid; Thane, be thair exemptioun and missiue to Iames Wynraham; Selkirk, (*blank*); Anstruther Wester, be thair exemptioun and missiue producit be Anstruther Eister; Culros, Iohnne Forrett, clerk; Dumbar, (*blank*); Banff, (*blank*); Quithorne, (*blank*); Forfar, (*blank*); Rosey, (*blank*); Forres, be thair exemptioun and missiue producit be Edinburgh; Ruglein, (*blank*); Northeberuik, be thair exemptioun and missiue producit be Hadingtoun; Culane, (*blank*); Narne, (*blank*); Lauder be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Hadingtoun; Innerkeything, George Durie, clerk; Kilrany, (*blank*).

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Moderatour.

1. The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis electit, creatt, and constitut Iames Forrett, commissioner for the brugh of Glasgow, thair moderatour during the tyme of this present conwentioun.

Citatioun.

2. The samyn day, Maister Harie Gibsoun, commoun clerk, in name of the said brugh veryfeit the lauchfull citatioun of the haill burrowis to this conventioun be the derectioun and delyuearnce of the generall missiue as vse is.

Houres of Conventioun. Speiking.

3. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris hes appointit and sett the houris of thair meitting during this conventioun to be at viij houris in the morneing at the ringing of the bell and to contenew quhill tuelf houris, and fra tua houris efternone quhill sex houris at evin, and the persouns absent at the ceissing of the bell and calling of the rollis to pay ane vnlaw of ten s. vnforgevin; and als statutis for the better expeditioun and comlie ordour to be keipit during this conventioun thatt nane sall speik thairatt quhill he be speirit at [be] the moderatour or without his licence, vnder the pane foirsaid.

Innerkething. Missiue.

4. The samyn day, anent the mater of the brugh of Innerkeything concerneing the reparatioun of thair herbereis and calsayis, mentionat in the fourt act of the last conventioun haldin at Brunteland, the saidis commissioneris admitis and ressaueis thair delegence anent the repairing of the calsay, in respect of the report and attestatioun of thair commissioner and of the commissioneris of the brughis of Kirkcaldie and Dysart; and findis that thai haue nocht done sic exact delegence as was requisite toward the reparatioun of thair herberie and imploying of the soumeis destinatt thairinto, and neuirtheles in respect of the trublis quhairin thai haue bene in the law dispensis with the said brugh for the present and ordanis thame to imploy and bestow the soume of ane hundreth pundis mentionat in the said act vpoun the reparatioun of thair said herberie betuixt this and the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, at the sicht of the commissioneris of the foure brughis contenit in the said act, and to mak thame aduerteisement in dew tyme to send and tak ane wew of the begyning and ending of the wark and of the comptis of the expenssis of the said herberie and of the said calsay, and to obteyne thair subscriptiouns to the futeing of the saidis comptis and report the samyn at thair nixt generall conventioun with thair delegence anent the said wark in maner foirsaid, vnder the pane of vnlaw

of fiftie pundis to be payit to the burrowis; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. GLASGOW, 1st July 1598.

5. The samyn day, anent the mater of the rowpping and setting of commoun landis of burrowis and perambuling thair mercheis, mentionat in the aucht act of the last conwentioun, efter inspectioun of the particular delegence of ilk brugh schawin and producit att this present conventioun be ilk commissioner heir present, findis the desyer of the said act to be satiffeit be the maist pairt in sum misour; and for forder executioun thairof in sum misoure ordainis ilk brugh to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instrucit with thair mynd and resolutioun to the nixt generall conventioun, gif thair brugh findis it expedient or nocht for the weill of burrowis and awancement of thair commoun rent, that ilk brugh sall gif in wrytt and produce before the conwentioun ane autentik rentale of thair haill commoun guid, landis, rentis, customeis, and possessiounis, with ane particular declaratioun how it is imployit, to be registrat in the commoun buik of thair conwentiounis that the commissioneris of burrowis may ewerie thre zeir at the leist knaw the incres and decres of the commoun rent of ilk brugh, and gif ony brugh can fynd out ony better owertour for satiffeing of the actis of burrowis maid of before anent the commoun rentis and landis of burrowis to se the samyn keipit and obseruit for the weill of burrowis and to reporte the samyn at the nixt conventioun, and the brughis quha hes ony exemptioun to send with thair lettre of ratefecatioun thair mynd and resolutioun of the said questioun with the setting of thair commoun landis and ryding of thair mercheis to the said nixt conwentioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li. to be payit to the saidis burrowis and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Anent the commoun guid of brughis. Missiue.

6. The samyn day, statutis and ordainis that quhair ony brugh haifing the preuelege of exemptioun salbe chairgit to ansuer in the generall conventioun at the instance of ane vther brugh for ony preiudice done to thame salbe haldin and subiect to compeir and ansuer at thair instance nochtwithstanding thair exemptioun foirsaid. Statute. Exemptiounis.

7. The samyn day, anent the mater of outlandis burgessis, sailleris without tikettis, regratouris and foirstalleris, mentionat in the nynt act of the last conventioun, ordanis ilk brugh to schaw and produce at the nixt generall conventioun thair delegence in wrytt mair exactlie and substantiouslie done in calling, persewing, and depryueing, vnlawing, and pvneishing the Outland burgessis. Missiue.

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outlandis burgessis to the rigour vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundrethe pundis to be payit to the saidis burrowis gif ony brugh can weryfe aganis ane vther the owirsicht and negligence heirof in ony point; and anent the sailleris without tikittis, mentionat in the said act, ordanis ilk brugh haifand sey portis to reporte thair mair exact delegence in putting the samyn to scherp executioun, and speciale in caussing the maisteris and skipperis of schipis and creyaris passand furth of thair herberie to France, Flanders, Eister seyis, or ony vther pairt, nocht to admit nor resaue in thair cumpanie merchandis or passingeris without ane tickit or warrand of the magistrat of thair brugh quhair thai pas fra, and to vnlaw the saidis skipperis contrauenearis heirof according to the actis of parliament, and this to be schawin to the nixt conventioun vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue, as also the heid of pvnisching of foirstalleris and regratouris in merkettis.

Saillers tickets. Missiue.

Forestallers. Missiue.

Metts and Mesouris. Missiue.

8. The samyn day, anent the mettis and mesouris, mentionat in the tent act of the last conventioun, ordanis ilk brugh as of before to reporte thair exact delegence in writt to the nixt generall conventioun in haifing vsing the land mettis and watter mettis, mentionat in the said act, and conformeing thame selffis thairto and pvnisching of the transgressouris, specialie sic as ressaueis with the watter mesour and sellis out to the kingis lidgeis with the land mesour, or zitt resaueis ane grit mesour and sellis with ane les, and gif ony brugh can accuse ane vther of this point thay to be hard and the offendar pvnischit and to be put in ane vnlaw of fourtie pundis; and the brughis of Sanctandrois, to be certet aganis the nixt generall conventioun at the instance of the agent vnder the pane of xx li. for transgressioun of the said act in tyme bygane, and the premissis to be ane heid of the nixt missiue, and the brugh nocht schawing thair delegence to be put in ane vnlaw of fourtie pundis; and the commissioner of the brugh of Air protestit that the foirsaidis [act] anent the quantite of the watter mettis and land mesouris sould nocht preiudge thair auld consuetude in vsing and haifing of gritter mesouris, Dumbartane and Irewin siclyk.

Woll, Missiue Edinburgh.

9. The samyn day, anent the actis maid of before concerneing the transporting of woll furth of the realm findis the comoun weill hewelie preiudgeit be sindre inhabitantis of burrowis, quha, for thair particular gain, without respect of the lawis of the realm, dewtie to thair natiwe cuntrey, and of thair awin consciences, purchessis and vsis licenceis for carying away of the said

woll, and speciale this to be done be sindre inhabitantis of the brugh of Edinbrugh, and thairfoir ordanis the said brugh, and all vther brughis quhom it effeiris, to reporte thair exact delegence in wrytt to the nixt generall conventioun in pvneisching of thair nychtbouris transgressouris of the saidis actis of parliament anent the transporting of woll, and of the saidis actis of burrowis anent the purchessing and vsing of the saidis licenceis, and to sett thair particular edictis, proclamatiouns, or constitutiouns heirvpoun, and to put the samyn to dew executioun, to be schawn to the nixt conventioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of fyve hundreth merkis to be payit to the saidis burrowis, and forder ordanis the brugh of Edinburgh to insist in the persuite of thair nychtbouris alreddy begun anent their suspensiouns and adwocatiouns rasit thairanent be awyse of thair assessouris and report thair delegence thairvpoun to the nixt conventioun, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue vnder the pane foirsaid. Glasgow, 1st & 3d July 1598.

Tertio Iulij I^{m} V^{c} lxxxxviij.

10. The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis findis and decernis the brughis vnderwrittin and euerie ane of them to haue incurit and incur the pane and vnlaw of tuentie pundis for the caussis following, that is to say, the brughis of Innernes, Iedburgh, Kirkcudbricht, Pittinweyme, Peblis, Craill, Selkirk, Quithorne, Culane, Narne, for nocht sending thair commissioneris sufficientlie instrucit to this present conventioun being lauchfullie warneit thairto; and the brughis of Sanctandrois, Cowper, Ruglein, for nocht sending thair commissioneris the first day of the conventioun, conforme to the actis of burrowis maid thairanent; and Dauid Watsoun commissioner for Sanctandrois, and William Crystesoun, commissioner for Cowper, compeirand this day producit thair commissiouns and alegeit thai war impeidit be storme of wedder, and thairfoir disasentit and protestit in the contrair, Certane burrowes vnlawet. Charge Agent.

11. The samyn day, anent the mater of the gildrie of this brugh of Glasgow mentionat in the act of the last conventioun, certane persouns compeirand in name of the merchandis and craftismen of the said brugh efter privat and public conference haid with thame and certane thair bretherein, findis that thai can nocht agre thairvpoun amangis them selffis, Glasgow. Gildrie.

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and thairfoir decernis the said mater to desert quhill it be walkint and socht of new be consent of the haill brugh.

Burnecoil. Missiue.

12. The samyn day, anent the mater of the burnecoll, mentionat in the xix act of the last conventioun, ratefeis and apprewis the samyn as of before, ordaneing ilk brugh quhom it effeiris to report thair delegence in writt to the nixt conventioun vpoun the lauchfull executioun thairof, as als to oppone aganis the transgressouris of the samyn, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue, and ordanis Iames Wynram, agent to rais lettres and to put the samyn to dew executioun aganis the touns of Prestoun, Airth, Weymiss, Borrouistounes, and all vtheris for transporting of the said burnecoll, conforme to the actis of Parliament.

Excyse beir and wyne. Conseruatour. Agent. Commissio. Missiue.

13. The samyn day, anent the mater of the excyse beir and tua twn and ane half wyne, mentionat in the xxij act of the last conwentioun, ratefeis and apprewis the samyn, and for forder executioun thairof findis expedient and ordanis that the brugh of Edinbrugh in all thair nameis derect ane lettre to my lord conseruatour with the copy of the said act desyring him to put the said excyse beir and wyne sa far as it will extend to fra the moneth of October last to the end of August nixt to sic profeit as possibille he may, and to intromet with the samyn and be comptable thairfoir to the saidis burrowis quhen he salbe requyreit be the brugh of Edinbrugh in thair nameis, and returne his ansuer to the said brugh of Edinbrugh with delegence vpoun his proceidingis thairintill, and the said brugh to be comptable to the burrowis vpoun thair intromissioun alanerlie; and as to the said excyse beir and wyne in tyme cuming, findis expedient and ordanis that the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perth, Dundy, Aberdein, Sanctandrois, Glasgow, awyse vpoun the fynding out of ane qualyfeit and responsall man for quhome thai will ansuer to accept the intromissioun of the said excyse beir and wyne according to the conditioun sett doun in the said act, for the space of ane zeir nixt following the moneth of August nixt and langer as the brugh presenter and burrowis can agre, and to report thair ansuer thairvpoun to the said brugh of Edinbrugh betwixt this and the said last day of August nixt vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li. ilk brugh failzeand heirintill; and gewis commissioun to the said brugh of Edinbrugh to mak chois of the persouns presentit vnto thame and to tak sufficient securite thairanent in name of the burrowis, and the said brugh of Edinbrugh to schaw thair delegence heirvpoun agane the nixt generall

conwentioun, vnder the pane foirsaid, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue: ATTOUR the saidis commissioneris off burrowis vnderstanding be ane letter missiue, direct be my lord conseruatour to the brugh of Edinbrugh, and presentlie red in thair awdience, of certane new impositiouns raysit vpoun the natioun within the toun of Campheir, thairfoir ordanis the said brugh of Edinbrugh to writt to the said toun in all thair nameis thairanent, desyring to knaw the certentie thairof, and to remember them vpoun the heidis and conditiouns expressit in the Contract of the Stapill, betuixt the saidis burrowis and the toun of Campheir, and desyre thame to se the samyn obseruit in all pointtis as thai wald wis the saidis burrowis to keip to thame, and to obtene thair ansuer heirvpoun in writt, and the said bruch to report thair delegence heiranent to the nixt conventioun vnder the pane foirsaid, and this to be ane heid of the missiue. GLASGOW, 3d July 1598.

14. The samyn day, the commissioners of the brugh of Irewin reportit thair autentik delegence anent the depriwatioun of thair outlandis burgessis, according to the actis of burrowis maid thairanent, and the saidis commissioneris ordanis gif it can be veryfeit agane the nixt conventioun that ony of thais persouns depryuet be the said brugh hes payit extent within the samyn sen the tyme of thair depriwatioun that the said brugh sall incur and pay ane vnlaw of xl li., and that the brugh of Dumbartane and all vther burrowis nixt adiacent report thair delegence in trying heiroff to the next generall conventioun, and this to be ane heid of the missiue. Irwyne. Missiue.

15. The samyn day, for caussis and considerationns moweing thame, remitis and dischargeis to the brughis of Sterling and Air thair vnlawis of lxxx li. quhairin thai war adiugeit for thair absence fra the particular conventioun in Edinbrugh vpoun the xviij day of Iulij 1597, prouyding awayis that ilk ane of thame pay presentle to the agent ane croun of the sone debursit vpoun the expenss of the lettres, vtherwayis thair vnlawis to stand. Air. Stirling. Agent. Precept.

16. The samyn day, findis the xx act of the last conventioun of burrowis, concerning my lord conseruatour and the agent of the transporteris of burnecoll to the Law Cuntray of Flanderis, to haue tane small effect, and thairfoir ordanis the said mater to be walknit be the said agent, and he to direct his missiueis thairanent to the said conseruatour and requyre his ansuer thairvpoun, and aduerteis the burrowis quhom it effeiris and the said agent and burrowis to report thair delegence to the nixt conventioun, Burnecoill. Missiue.

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according to the tennour of the said act, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Abirdeyne contra Banff Missiue. Charge agent.

17. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Aberdeyne aganis the brugh of Banff, for haifing and nocht depryueing of outlandis burgessis conforme to the act of the last conventioun, the compleneris being present be thair commissioner and the defenderis being lauchfullie warneit, oftin tymeis callit and nocht compeirand, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis decernis the saidis defenderis in ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis for thair contumacie, and ordanis thame to be warneit to the nixt conwentioun to ansuer to the said complaint, bringand with thame thair richtis and alegeanceis vnder the pane foirsaid, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Montrose contra Abirdeyne. Missiue.

18. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Mwnros contra the brugh of Aberdein, the commissioneris of baith the saidis brughis being personle present, contenewis the said mater in the samyn estaitt, and ordanis the saidis brugh be thair commissioner to compeir at the nixt assemble sufficientle instrucit with thair richtis and reasonis and ansuer thairto, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Culros contra Stirling. Missiue.

19. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Culros aganis the brugh of Sterling, mentionat in the act of the last conventioun, for taking of custome of thame at the brig, viz: tua penneis of the laid and for vther small burdingis *pro rata*, thair commissioneris being present, the said commissioner of Sterling alegeit that thai haue guid richt thairto, and hes bene in vse and possessioun in vplifting thairof, nocht onle of the said brugh but also of the brugh of Perth and all vther fre burrowis quhais guidis cumis alangis the said brig, past memorie [of] man, and bestowis the samyn vpoun the reparatioun and vphald of the said brig, and declairis the said toun to be fre att all vther partis of the brugh of Sterling, quhilk alegeance being fund releuant the saidis commissioneris admitis the samyn to thair probatioun of consent of partie, and assignis to thame the fourt day of Iulij nixtt in the nixt conventioun to prove the samyn, and gif thai succumb to pay ane vnlaw of lx li. to the saidis burrowis, and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Brunt Iland. Missiue.

20. The samyn day, anent the taxatioun of thre hundreth merkis grantit to the brugh of Brunteland for reparatioun of thair kirk, conforme to the act of the last conventioun, ordanis the said brugh to imploy and bestow the said soume to the vse foirsaid and na vther vse at the sicht of the brughis of Edinbrugh, Dundy, Perth, Kirkcaldy, Dysart, or ony thre of them, and

the said brugh to aduerteis thame at the begyning of the wark and reporte thair attestatioun of the imployment with thair subscriptiouns at the comptis thairof to the nixt conventioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li., and this to be ane heid of the missiue. GLASGOW, 3d July 1598.

21. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis ratefeis approwis and confermeis the actis and constitutiouns off burrowis maid of before anent the iadgers and mesouris standant and byrning of salmond and hering barrelis, and anent the sufficient paking of hering and salmond, and for better executioun thairof, and speciale within the boundis quhair the burrowis of Glasgow, Dumbartane, Irewin, Air, Renfrow, quhair grittest difference is, ordanis the magistrattis of the saidis brughis to appoint ane discreitt persoun within everie ane of the saidis brughis to be iadger, burnear, or wraker of all barrellis and hogheidis of salmond and hering pakit and sauld within the saidis brughis and liberteis thairoff, according to the saidis actis and actis of parliament maid thairanent of before, for the quhilk persounis the saidis brughis respectiue salbe ansuerabill, and ilk ane of thame to report thair delegence thairvpoun to the nixt conventioun vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis, and this to be ane heid of the missiue ; and becaus be sindre actis of parliament powir is gevin to the saidis burrowis and to na vtheris to the effect abouevrittin, thairfoir incais ony vther persoun sall purches ony prewe giftis or commissiouns to the effect foirsaid, ordanis the saidis brughis to withstand the samyn and to suspend the chairgis to be raysit thairvpoun, to quhome the remanent burrowis promesis thair asistance, ordaneing thair agent to resist in thair nameis as he salbe requyreit, and ilk commissioner present at thair returne to intimit this act to thair brugh that nane pretend ignorance. Iadgers of Fysche. Missiue.

22. The samyn day, the foirsaidis commissioneris, efter lang conference and ressoneing, findis thair estait hielie preiudgeit be certane brughis quha of lait hes derectit thair commissioneris to parliamentis and Conwentioun of Estaittis electit furth sic rankis of persouns quha haid litill skeill or experience of thair effairis, and als litill cair and guid will to the standing thairof, haifand na regaird to the actis and constitutiouns maid of before anent the directioun of commissioneris to parliamentis, Conwentiouns of Estaittis, and conventioun of burrowis, speciale the act maid at Edinbrugh in Iulij 1574, and in Cowper 1586 : for remeid quhairof the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, efter inspectioun and consideratioun of the saidis actis Statute. Commissioners to parliaments and conventiouns of estaittis and burrowes. Missiue.

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quhilkis war publictle red in thair awdience, thay all in ane voce ratefeyit and approwit and for them and thair successouris perpetuale confermeis the saidis actis, with all vther actis and constitutiouns of burrowis maid of before; and of new statutis and ordanis that in tyme cuming nane of the saidis burrowis tak vpoun thame to elect, nominat, or appoint ony persouns, for thame and in thair nameis, to beir the office of ane commissioner in parliament or conventiounis of estaittis or burrowis, quhilkis ar aboue the rank and degre of ane merchand, traffikquer, indueller within the brugh, and beiring burding within the samyn, and for quhome the brughis directeris of thame sall nocht be ansuerabill to the commissioneris at the nixt generall conventioun, and that he sall nocht woitt, do, or attempt ony thing to the hurt and preiudice of the commoun estait to be censureit and iudgeit be thame vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of fourtie pundis to be payit be the brugh contraueneand sa oft as thai failze, and ilk commissioner present to intimit this present ordinance to his brugh efter his returne, and ilk brugh to send thair commissioner to the nixt conventioun with attestatioun in writt that the samyn is intimit vnto thame vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Commissio. Certane burrowes.

23. The samyn day, forsamekle as thair is dyuerssis and wechtie effairis concerneing the estait of burrowis quhilkis ar nor can nocht be decyidit in this present conventioun, as also that thair is dyuerssis materis habill to fall furth betuixt and the nixt generall conwentioun quhilk without spedy deliberatioun may import ane grit preiudice to the saidis burrowis, thairfoir gewis full powir and commissioun to the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perthe, Dundy, Aberdein, Glasgow, Air, Sterling, Sanctandrois, or ony sex of thame, to direct thair commissioneris to convene, sitt, treitt, woitt and conclude vpoun all the materis that hes interwenit or heirefter may interweyne concerneing the estait of burrowis quhill the nixt generall conwentioun, as thai salbe aduerteissit be the agent att the directioun of the brugh of Edinbrugh, siclyk and als frele as the commissioneris of the haill burrowis micht haue done in thair full conventioun generall, and quhatsumewir thing the saidis brughis or ony sex of thame conveneand be thair commissioneris sall resolue and do in the premissis, the saidis commissioneris for them selffis and thair saidis burrowis promesis to ratefe and allow the samyn and to beir thair burding in halding hand thairinto, prosecuteing and obeying thairof at thair powir, and the burrowis conweyneand to haue powir to vnlaw the burrowis

absent in ane vnlaw off xl li. sua oft as thai failze, thai being lauchfule warneit, and quhat expenssis it sall happin the saidis commissioneris to mak in conweneing as saidis thay ordane the agent to refound the samyn at the sicht of thair comptis, quhilk salbe thankfulle allowit to him in his comptis. GLASGOW, 4 July 1598.

24. The samyn day, haifing sene and considerit the trauellis and delegence done be the brugh of Sanctandrois in putting of thair commoun rent to the best awaill, as the samyn was schawin and producit be Dauid Watsoun thair present commissioner, allowis and apprewis the samyn sa far as it agreis with the lawis of the realm and actis of burrowis, and ordanis thair agent to insist with the said brugh in the materis and actiouns of thair commoun guid sua far as may stand with the actis of parliament and statutes of burrowis.

Quarto Iulij j^{m} v^{c} lxxxxviij.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis being convenit, anent the act of burrowis, maid the fyft day of Iulij 1596 concerneing the merkettis of wituall of the brugh of Sanctandrois, maid be occasioun of the complaint of the brughis of Anstruther Eister and Craill, ratefeis and apprewis the samyn, and for better executioun and declaratioun thairof statutis and ordanis that na baxteris of the saidis brughis of Anstruther Eister nor Craill sall haue powir to by vpoun ane merkett day within the said brugh ane gritter quantite quheit nor ane bag of quheit alanerlie. Sanctandrois. Anstruther Eister.

26. The samyn day, for better executioun of the actis maid of before concerning the mettis and mesouris, ordanis the pane and vnlaw of the contrauenearis thairof to be in all tymeis cuming the soume of fourtie pundis money, to be payit to the saidis burrowis, and that ilk brugh send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instrucit agane the nixt conventioun to gif thair aith and conscience gif the saidis actis be fullie obseruit in thair brugh in all pointis sen the making thairof, and this to be adit to the former act and to be ane heid of the missiue. Metts and Mesouris. Missiue.

27. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun gewin in before thame be the commissioner of the brugh of Hadingtoun, lamenting thair miserable estait throw the fyre and burneing that happinet within the said brugh the auchtene day of Maij last bypast, and desiring the supple and further- Hadingtoun. Support.

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ance of the saidis burrowis to the reparatioun thairof, with the quhilk the saidis commissioneris being awyseit, haifing considerit the werite of thair supplicatioun and regraiting thair cais, findis it maist necessar that ane support and releive be grantit to the saidis nichtbouris, and to this effect that thair missiue be penytt and direct in thair nameis be thair clerk and agent to the magistrattis and sessioun of ilk brugh imploring thair comiseratioun and support, with collectioun of ane volunter contributioun amangis thair nichtbouris in favouris of the said brugh, to be collecit and sent to the generall agent betuixt this and the first day of September nixt, and he to delyuer the samyn to the thesaurer of the said brugh of Hadingtoun, and the said thesaurer with the prouest, bailleis, and counsale of the samyn to distribute the samyn to the maist indegent persouns quha had thair land brunt, at the sicht of ony tua or foure to be appointit be the brugh of Edinbrugh to that effect, and the said missiue to be delyuerit to the present commissioneris quha requeistis euerie ane ane vther to recomend to thair nichtbouris the estait of the said brugh.

Glasgow. Impost.

28. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in before thame be the present commissioneris of this brugh of Glasgow lamenting the estait perrel and dainger of thair brig, the sanding of thair water, and the destruction of their grein for want of calsayis and brigis, to the appeirand decay of thair citie, and thairfoir desyring licence to purches ane ressonable impost for reparatioun thairof, the saidis commissionars of burrowis being awysit thairwith granttis and gewis licence to the said brugh to purches and impetrat at our souerane lord ane gift for vplifting and ressaueing of the impost following, that is to say, for ilk ladinet hors with laid or drawchts passand alangis the said brig, of vnfremen and travelleris, iiij d.; of ilk thousand grene hering loissit and sauld within thair fredome, of the vnfremen inbringeris thairoff foure penneis, and of fremen tua penneis; ilk hogheid pakit hering tuelf penneis; ilk tun wyne loissit of vnfremen thre s. iiij d.; ilk boitt cumand to thair watter with tymer stuigis and buirds, of vnfremen, xl d.; ilk boitt of keling of ten doissin, of vnfremen ane keling; ilk laid wittuall coft in the toun and passing doun the water, of vnfremen sax penneis; and that for the space of nyne zeiris nixt following the passing of the said gift, anent the impost of vnfremen, and for the space of thre zeiris concerneing the impost of hering of fremen, alanerlie; and at the end of the saidis zeiris compt to be maid to the saidis burrowis of the ressait and imployement of the

saidis soumeis, with prouisioun that it sall nocht be lesum to thame to vplift the said impost efter the ische of the saidis zeiris without special consent of the burrowis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li., and the commissioneris of Renfrew disasented heirto anent the impost to be tane of fremen. GLASGOW, 4 July 1598.

29. The samyn day, statutis and ordanis that the magistrattis of ilk brugh in all tyme cuming impeid and stay all thair inhabitants and vtheris quhatsumevir to commit purpresture, in vsurpeing and biging vpoun thair commoun streittis, herbereis, or commoun landis, and quhen it salbe fund and tryit that ony persoun hes done the samyn vpoun thair knawlege and owirsicht the brugh, *totius quotiis*, to incur the vnlaw of xl li. to be payit to the burrowis, and as for tyme bygane that ilk brugh thair magistrattis being requyreit caus repair the samyn, and delegence to be schawin vpoun the executioun of this act agane the nixt conventioun vnder the pane foirsaid, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Statute. Purpresture. Missiue.

30. The samyn day it was heuele complenit be the commissioner of the brugh of Stirling that the laird of Airth haid purchessit the toun of Airth lyand within thair schirefdome erecit in ane fre brugh contrair to the preulege of thair infeftementis, thairfoir ordanis the said brugh be awyse of thair procuratour to insist for reducing of the said erectioun and promesis vnto thame thair concurrence with thair presens and guidis as thai salbe requyreit, and also promeissis the lyk concurrence to all burrowis quha ar in the lyk estait. Stirling. Airth. New erectouns of frie brughis

31. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun of the commissioner of Innerkeything, lamenting the vexatioun and truble in the law done to thame be the Constable of Dundy for ewictioun of thair commoun landis, notourle knawin to the haill burrowis, ordanis thair generall clerk to direct ane missiue vnto him in favouris of the said brugh and desyring that for the effectioun he beiris to thair estaitt, according to his calling within ane speciall brugh of the samyn, he wald suffer the said mater to be amicabille decyidit betuixt them, and requeistis the commissioneris and brugh of Dundy to imploy thair credeit in this mater, and the brugh of Edinbrugh to imploy and bestow thair moyane and trauellis in the said mater, quha promesis to do the samyn. Innerkeithing. Constabill of Dundie.

32. The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Kirkcaldy be the generall missiue to be chairgit to schaw and produce to the nixt conventioun generall Kirkcaldie. Missiue.

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thair delegence in setting thair commoun landis to the grittest proffeit and maist awaill, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundrethe pundis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Stirling. Impost.

33. The samyn day, granttis and gewis licence to the brugh of Sterling to impetrat of our souerane lord for the space of thre zeiris nixt following the dait heirof ane gift of the impost for vphalding and repairing of thair calsay and brig: that is to say, of ilk laid passand alangis the said brig, vnfremen four penneis, fremen tua penneis; and of ilk kow, ox, or hors cummand to be sauld tua penneis, and of ilk score scheip foure penneis; vpoun compt to be maid to the burrowis of thair collectioun and imployment according to the ordour in sic caissis.

Dumbartane. Missiue. Sanctandrois.

34. The samyn day, ordanis ilk brugh to cum sufficientle instructit to the nixt conventioun to ansuer to the supplicatioun of Dumbartane for keiping of thair toun and herberie fra wesching away be the sey and watter, and to the supplicatioun of Sanctandrois for support to the help of thair inner brig and Gair braig; and the commissioneris of Edinbrugh, Dundy, Aberdein, and sic vtheris as pleissis, to pas and vyse the estait of Dumbartane and mak report in the nixt conventioun, and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Certane burrowes vnlawet. Charge Agent.

35. The samyn day, decernis the brughis of Innernes, Jedbrugh, Pittinweyme, Peblis, Craill, Selkirk, Banff, Quithorne, Culane, Narne, ilk ane in ane vnlaw of xx li. for non payment of the clerk and agent feyis, according to the actis of burrowis and generall missiue direct thairanent, thay being lauchfulle warneit to that effect; and ordanis Iames Wynram thair agent to rais lettres for vplifting thairoff.

Precept, agent. Clerk of Glasgow.

36. The samyn day, ordanis Iames Wynraham thair agent to pay to Maister Harie Gibsoun, commoun clerk of this brugh, the soume of tuentie pundis for his pains and trauellis tane in directioun of missiwes, and to the officeris of this brugh ane croun of the sone, and the saidis soumes salbe allowet to him in his comptis.

Glasgow. Impost. Kirkintulloch. Inchberrie.

37. The samyn day, granttis and gewis licence to the brugh of Glasgow to impetrat of our souerane lord the gift of the impost following, to be vpliftit be thame for reparatioun and vphald of the brig of Kirkintulloch, for the space of thre zeiris, viz.: of ilk laidinit hors tua penneis; of ilk futeman with ane burdein ane penny; ilk hors, kow, or ox, ane penny; of ilk ten scheip tua penneis; vpoun compt to be maid to the burrowis of the

collectioun and employement according to the ordour in sic caisis, and the impost foirsaid to be vpliftit at the brig foirsaid, and the brugh of Glasgow to support with the impost the decayit partis of the brig of Inchberrie. GLASGOW, 4 July 1598.

38. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis ordanis the brugh of Glasgow to send foure men to wysie the estait of the toun and commoun rent of Ruglein, and to report to the conventioun be the commissioneris of the said brugh of Glasgow thair knowlege thairoff, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Rugleyn commissio. Glasgow. Missiue.

39. The samyn day, the said commissioneris of burrowis hes assignit and assignis the vnlawis of the brughis vnlawit in this present conventioun to be vpliftit and takin be Iames Wynraham in pairt of payment of the rest of the soumes adetit be the burrowis to him, the said Iames being comptabill awayis to the burrowis of the superplus quhilk salbe ressauet be him mair nor the burrowis standis dettfull to him at the nixt conventioun, and the commissioneris prommittis in name of thair brughis that at the futeing of his comptis he sall haue consideratioun of the deburse-mentis of his awin money but ony profeit and the wantt thairoff this zeir bygane. Assignatio. Agent.

40. The samyn day, ordanis ilk brugh to cum sufficientle instructit agane the nixt conventioun quhat ordour salbe tane with outlandis men vnfre quha byis bark, hyidis, and ledder, and bringis it to be sauld in fre brughis in grit preiudice of fremen, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Hydes barking. Missiue.

41. The samyn day, grantis and dischargeis the brughis of Sanctandrois and Couper thair vnlaw of xl li. quhairin thair war adiugeit for nocht compeirance in dew tyme to this present conventioun, proyding thai pay presentlie to the commoun clerk and his officeris of this brugh the soume of xx li., and ane croun of the sone to the officeris, assignit to them in this conventioun, and that before thair depairture fra this present conventioun, vtherwayis the said vnlaw to stand. Sanctandrois. Cowper. Precept. Agent.

42. The samyn day, desertis and desolueis this present conventioun, and appointis and affixis thair generall conventioun to be begun and haldin at the brugh of Lynlithgow the thrid day of Iulij nixtocum with conteniwatioun of dayis, and ordanis the commissioner of the said brugh to mak ordiner aduerteisement to the magistratis of thair brugh and thai to mak warneing to the haill burrowis be the generall missiue. Nixt conventioun, Lynlithqw, 3 Iulij.

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Iames Forret, Moderatour.
Allexander Peirsoun.
Patrik Lyoun.
Patrik Blair.
M. Thomas Menzes.
Thomas Muir.
M. A. Wedderburn.
Walter Cowane.
Dauid Watsoun.
Johnne Masoun.
Andro Ker.
Robert Richesoun.
J. Anstruther.
Williame Murray.
Iohne Wilkie.
Mr Iohane Wemis.
Williame Prattus, commissioner for Dunfermling.
Iohnne Forrett.
Ihone Hacket.
Nycoll Clapen.
G. Durie.
Ihone Reid.
Archibauld George.
Robert Watsoun.
W. Christesone.
W. Somervell.

Edinburgh. 8 Sept. 1598.

In the Particulare Conventioun of the Commissioners of the Burrowis following, begun and haldin at Edinburgh the aucht day of September j^m v^c four scoir auchtene zeirs, be vertew of the act of the last Generall Conventioun of Burrowis haldin at Glasgow, and be vertew of the citatioun maid be the burgh of Edinburgh: Comperit the Commissioners vnderwrittin and producet the commissiouns grantit vnto thame for halding of this present conventioun, to witt:

EDINBURGH, Henre Nesbett, provest, Alexander Persoun, baillie, and Alexander Myller, tailziour; Perthe, Androw Ray, merchand; Dundy, Ihone Scrymgeour; Aberdein, be thair lettre of ratefecatioun producit be Edinbrugh; Glasgow, Iames Hamilton, merchand; Sterling, Walter Cowane, deyne of gild; Air, Mwngo Knicht, merchand; Sanctandrois, (*blank*)

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Citatioun of the burrowis.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris of Edinbrugh veryfeit the lauchfull citatioun and directioun of the missiueis for halding this present conventioun to the brughis of Edinbrugh, Dundie, Perthe, Aberdein, Glasgow, Sterling, Sanctandrois, Air, conforme to the said act at Glasgow.

Comissio. Fischer. Impost in France.

The quhilk day, the foirsaidis commissioneris vnderstanding them selffis and the haill merchand estait of this realm to be grittumle damnyfeit be payment of the intolerable customeis laitlie raysit and vpliftit within the dominionis of France, vpoun sindre sortis of wairis transportit to and thairfra, and efter lang ressoneing vpoun the qualyficatioun of dyuerssis and sindre merchandis quhome in thair opinioun thay micht haue thocht maist meitt for the executing of the commissioun vnderwrittin in the saidis pairtis of France, att the handis of the Kingis Maiesty and Secreit Counsall thairof, to the doun getting and obteneing the new customeis foirsaidis dischargit, all in ane voce but variance, for them selffis and haifing powir and commissioun of the generall conventioun of burrowis haldin at Glasgow in Iulij last, hes electit and nominat Thomas Fischer, merchand, thair commissioner, to quhome thai will and granttis that the provest bailleis and counsale of Edinbrugh in thair nameis and in name of the haill remanent burrowis of this realme gewe to him sic ample commissioun and instructiouns vnder thair seill of caus as to the weilfair of thair estaittis and furtherance of this mater salbe be thame thocht maist expedient; and promesis for them selffis and thair brughis, and in name of the remanent of the haill burrowis, to hald ferme and stabile all and quhatsomevir thing the saidis provest bailleis and counsale of Edinbrugh and the said Thomas Fischer commissioner in the premissis thinkis neidfull to be done ; and for the better prosecuting of the premissis concludis and agreis that the impost following be vptane of all merchandice passand furth of this cuntrey to the pairtis of France and fra France outwart to this cuntrey viz: of ilk twn geir passand fra this cuntrey tuenty sowz, and of ilk twn geir cumand fra France, exceptand the gross wairis following, fourtie schillingis and the gros wairis sic as vynigar, irne pottis, stray warde, schuellis, and suord skaillis, pay alanerle tuenty schillingis; and to begyn at the tuenty day of September instant, and to indure and contenew for the space of ane zeir thairefter and forder ay and quhill the said Thomas Fischer obtene payment of the expenssis quhilk he sall deburse vpoun doun getting of the saidis customeis; and for collecting and inbringing of the saidis customeis makis, constitutis,

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and ordanis the said Thomas Fischer thair foirsaid commissioner thair vndoutit factour and collectour, with powir to him be him selff and his deputis for quhom he salbe haldin to ansuer to intromet thairwith collect and inbring the samyn, and the said Thomas to mak compt to the haill burrowis at thair generall conventioun of his intromissioun and the forme and maner of his debursement of the expenssis necessarlie bestowit to the effect aboue specyfeit: And thairefter compeirit the said Thomas Fischer, quha for the guid zeall he beiris to the awancement of all sic thingis as may tend to the weilfair of the merchand estait, acceptit vpoun him the said commissioun and volunterle promesit that for the space of thre monethe heirefter frele to execute the samyn at the vttermost of his powir, prouiding that efter the ishe thairof he micht haue allowit vnto him all and quhatsumevir his ressonabill chairgis during the said space, and incais be his laubour and suite he may nocht within the said space cum speid in the caus foirsaid that for the weilfair thairof it be neidfull to him to mak langer residence in the pairtis foirsaidis, in that cais the commissioneris foirsaidis for them selffis and remanent burrowis of this realme bindis and oblissis thame to the said Thomas to se him ressonable rewairdit for his saidis painis, to quhais discretioun in this cais he submitis him selff; and forder requestis the provest bailleis and counsale of Edinbrugh to wrytt ane lettre of recomendatioun in name of the haill burrowis to my lord Archbishop of Glasgow, now imbassadour for his Maieste, in favouris of the said Thomas Fischer commissioner foirsaid.

Futeing of Fischeris comptis.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis haueiug at lenth hard, sene, calculat and allowit the comptis of Thomas Fischer merchand, collectour of the impost sett vpoun the wairis passand furth of this cuntrey to France, according to the act sett doun thairanent at Perthe in the moneth of Iunij j^m v^c fourscoir fyftene zeiris, thay fynd the chairge of his ressait to extend to the soume of sax hundrethe fourscoir fyve frankis, and his discharge to the soume of fyve hundrethe tuelf frankis fyftene sowz, sua restis the compt comptable to the burrowis the soume of ane hundrethe thre scoir tuelf frankis fyftene sowz.

Sanctandrois vnlawit.

The samyn day, findis the brugh of Sanctandrois to haue incurrit the pane and vnlaw of xl li. for non compeirance to this present conventioun being lauchfule wairned thairto, and ordanis Iames Wynraham thair agent to vplift the samyn, quhairwith he is to be chairgit in his comptis.

Henry Nisbett, prowest.
Allexander Peirsoun, bailze.
Andro Ray comisioner for Perthe.
Jh. Scrymgeour, commissioner for Dunde.
Walter Cowane.
James Hamyltoune, commissioner for Glesgow.
Mongo Knycht foirsaid commissioner of Air with my hand led at the pen becaus I can nocht wryte. *Ita est Jacobus Wynrame notarius de mandato predict.*

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In the Generall Conwentioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Lynlythgow be the Commissioneris thair conwenit, the thrid day of Iulij j^m v^c fourscoir nyntene zeiris, compeirit the commissioneris vnderwrittin and producit thair commissiouns following:—To witt for

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EDINBRUGH, Richard Doby, merchand, William Penstoun, tailzeour; Perthe, Iames Adamesoun, deyne of gild; Dundy, Petir Clayhillis, baillie; Aberdein, Maister Alexander Culane, baillie; Sterling, Archibald Alexander, Walter Cowane; Lynlythgow, Robert Stewart, Patrik Seller, bailleis, Androw Ker, clerk; Glasgow, Iames Tempell, baillie; Sanctandrois, Dauid Watsoun, deyne of gild; Dysart, Iames Hackett; Air, Dauid Fergushill, prowest; Hadingtoun, Alexander Seytoun, baillie; Kirkcaldy, Iohnne Hackett; Mwnros, William Ramsay; Cowper, William Crystesoun; Anstruther Eister, Iohne Anstruther, clerk; Dumfreis, Robert Richartsoun; Breichin, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Mwnros; Irewin, William Scott; Elgyne, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Aberdein; Kirkcudbricht, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Air; Wigtoun, Patrik Hannay of Kirkdaill, prowest; Pittinweyme, Dauid Strang; Dumferling, William Pratus, baillie; Dumbartane, Robert Watsoun; Renfrow, William Somerwell; Lanerik, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Lynlythgow; Arbroth, Alexander Wod; Brunteland, Maister Androw Wilsoun, clerk; Peblis, Nynian

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Lowis, baillie; Craill, Dauid Maxwell; Kingorne, Iohnne Reid, thesaurer; Selkirk, be thair exemptioun and lettre of ratefecatioun product be the agent; Anstruther Wester, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun; Culros, Iohne Forrett, clerk; Dumbar, Maister Alexander Kelly; Banff, be thair lettre of exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Aberdein; Quhithorne, (*blank*); Forfar, be thair lettre of exemptioun and ratefecatioun; Forres, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun; Ruglein, Robert Lyndsay, baillie, Dauid Spens; Northberuik, be thair exemptioun producit be Hadingtoun; Culane, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Aberdein; Lawder, be exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Edinbrugh; Innerkeithing, George Durie, clerk; Kilrany, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Anstruther Eister.

Moderatour.

1. The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis electit, creatt, and constitute Robert Stewart ane of the bailleis of this brugh and first in the comissioun thair moderatour during the tyme of this conwentioun.

Citatioun.

2. The samyn day, Androw Ker commoun clerk of this brugh veryfeit the lauchfull citatioun of the haill burrowis to this brugh to the conwentioun to be haid thairatt be derectioun and delyuerance of the generall missiue as vse is.

Statute, convening, speiking.

3. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris hes appointit and sett the houris of thair meiting during this conwentioun to be at aucht houris in the morneing at the ringing of the bell and to contenew quhill tuelf houris, and fra tua houris efternone quhill sex houris at evin, and the persouns absent at the ceissing of the bell and calling of the rollis to pay ane vnlaw of ten s., vnforgewin; and als statutis for the better expeditioun and comle ordour to be keipit during this conventioun that nane sall speik before he be speirit at be the moderatour or without his licence vnder the pane foirsaid.

Burrowes vnlawet. Charge Agent.

4. The samyn [day], decernis the brughis of Innernes, Thane, Rosay, Quhithorne, Narne, and euerie ane of thame, in ane vnlaw of xx li. for non compeirance to this conventioun being lauchfule warneit thairto be the generall missiwe, and ordanis Iames Wynraham thair agent to be chairgit thairwith in his comptis.

Daman. Hollanders. Dunkirkeris.

5. The samyn day, compeirit Adrian Daman, agent within the realm for the Estaitis of the Law Cuntreyis, and regraitit and lamentit the estait of certane Holanderis laitlie tane be ane alegeit Dunkirker lyand with thair

schipis at Craill, quhair the saidis pure Holanderis ar detenit captiwe, miserabille tormentit, thair guidis confiscat and delapidat be the said Dunkirker, to the dishonour and appeirand skaith of this natioun, quhairvpoun he gawe in ane supplicatioun to the saidis burrowis in name of the saidis captiweis desyring thame to interceid at his maiesteis handis; with the quhilk the saidis burrowis being adwysit hes thocht expedient to derect ane missiue with all delegence to his maiestie in thair favouris, and ane vther to the magistrattis of Sanctandrois to trauell with his maiestie thairanent, and the thrid lettre to the magistratis of Craill for releweing of the saidis captiweis vpoun cautioun as was offerit be the said Adrian. Thay haue directit and directis William Crystesoun commissioner for Cowper to pas with the said Adrian and delyuer the saidis missiueis in maner foirsaid, for the quhilk caus thay grant him licence to depairt fra this conventioun, and the said William be thir presentis ratefeis and apprewis all thingis done and to be done heirinto.

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6. The samyn day, anent the fourt act of the last conventioun, quhilk is ane heid of the generall missiue, be the quhilk the brugh of Innerkeything wes ordanit to imploy and bestow j^{c} li. vpoun reparatioun of thair herberie, in maner specyfeit in the said act, George Durie thair commissioner being personle present being demandit and hard thairvpoun, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis findis that the said brugh hes done na kynd of delegence for satiffeing the said act, and thairfoir decernis thame in the penulte and vnlaw of fiftie pundis to be payit to the commoun vse of the saidis burrowis, and ordanis the said brugh zit as of before to schaw and reporte thair delegence in wryte to the next generall conwentioun vpoun the imployment of the said soume in maner specyfeit in the said act vnder the pane of vther l li. to be payit to the saidis burrowis, and this to be ane heid of the next missiue.

Innerkething. Missiue.

7. The samyn day, anent that heid of the generall missiue collectit furth of the fyft act of the last generall conwentioun, concerneing the comoun guid of burrowis, and anent the first pairt thairoff concerneing the rentall to be gewin vp and producit of the commoun rent of ilk brugh and imployment thairof to be registrat in the generall buik, the saidis commissioneris efter lang deliberatioun for mony respectis findis the samyn nocht neidfull nor profitable for the weill of the saidis burrowis, and anent the second pairt of the said act for ane owertour to be maid for keiping the actis of burrowis

Rowping of commoun guids. Perambuling. Mis-

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maid of before for putting to profeit the commoun guid of burrows, the saidis commissioneris findis expedient and ordanis, conforme to the actis maid thairanent of before, that ilk brugh at the nixt generall conwentioun schaw and produce in wryte ane autentik extract of the trew setting rowpping of thair commoun guid to the best awaill, with the perfect ryding and perambulating of thair mercheis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw xx li. to be payit to the saidis burrowis, and this to be extendit to ilk brugh that hes ony exemptioun that thai send with thair lettre of ratefecatioun the extract of the rowpping setting of thair commoun guid and perambulating of thair mercheis to the nixt conventioun vnder the pane foirsaid, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Regratouris, Forestallers. Owtland burgessis. Missiue. Peiblis. Charge agent.

8. The samyn day, anent the sewint act of the last conventioun, quhilk is also ane heid of the generall missiue, concerning regratouris, foirstalleris, outlandis burgessis, and sailleris without tikettis, findis the burgh of Peblis to haue schawin na delegence aganis thair regratouris, foirstalleris, and outlandis burgessis, and thairfoir decernis thame in ane vnlaw of twenty pundis to be payit to the agent in name of the burrowis, prowyding awayis incais thai schaw and produce to the said agent betuixt and the twenty day of Iulij instant ane sufficient attestatioun of thair delegence theranent thay to be fre of the said vnlaw, and ordanis zit as of before ilk brugh to schaw and produce in writ to the nixt generall conwentioun thair exact delegence in restraining and pvnishing thair outlandis burgessis, sailleris without tikettis, and skipperis ressauearis of thame, and of the regratouris and foirstalleris within thair liberteis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis to be payit to the saidis burrowis, and ilk brugh to controll ane vther heirvpoun at the nixt conventioun, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Mettis and mesoures. Missiue. Anstruther, Sanctandrois.

9. The samyn day, anent that heid of the missiue concerneing the mettis and mesouris, mentionat in the viij and xxvj actis of the last conwentioun, ordanis ilk brugh zit as of before to schaw and produce to the nixt conventioun thair delegence in obseruing the saidis actis, vnder the pane of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue; and ilk brugh to controll ane other heirvpoun, and speciale that the brugh of Anstruyther Eister complene to the magistrattis of Sanctandrois the maltmen thair and vtheris inhabitantis within the said cetie that transgressis the saidis actis and gif vp the nameis of the speciall persouns, and the said brugh of Sanctandrois to

pvnische them accordinglie and reporte thair delegence thairvpoun at the nixt conwention vnder the pane foirsaid.

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10. The quhilk day, the comissioneris foirsaidis being conwenit, anent that heid of the missiue concerneing the transporting of burnecoll, mentionat in the xij and xvj actis of the last convention, findis the brugh of Dysart nocht to haue done thair delegence in restraining and pvnisching of thair nichtbouris transporteris thairof, and thairfoir decernis thame in ane vnlaw of tua hundreth pundis to be payit to the saidis burrowis; and neuirtheles the saidis commissioneris vpoun consideratioun moweing thame contenewis the vplifting of the said vnlaw quhill the nixt generall convention, ordaneing the said brugh to schaw thair forder delegence in writ in pvnisching of thair nichtbouris transgressouris of the saidis actis, and speciale to schaw that thai haue for executioun thairof tane the saillis fra the rayis of sic as transportis the said burnecoll and reporte attestatioun thairvpoun to the saidis burrowis, vnder the pane of ij^c li. foirsaid, and that ilk brugh quhome it effeiris reporte and schaw thair delegence in writt in executing of the saidis actis at the nixt convention vnder the said pane, and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Dysart vnlawet. Agent. Burnecoill. Missiue.

11. The samyn day, anent that heid of the missiue and xxij act of the last conwentioun, be the quhilk ilk brugh is ordanit to schaw thair delegence off intimation of the said act maid anent the derecting of commissioneris to parliamentis and estaittis and conwentioun of burrowis, the present commissioneris reportit sufficient attestatioun thairvpoun except the brughis of Dundy, Sterling, Dysart, Anstruther Eister, Irewin, Wigtoun, Dumferling, Dumbartane, Renfrow, Arbroth, and thairfor ordanis thame to reporte sufficient attestatioun in writt of intimation of the said act and contentis thairof to thair saidis brughis at the nixt conventioun generall vnder the pane of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Commissioners to conventioun. Parliaments. Missiue.

12. The samyn day, Johnne Hackett commissioner for Kirkaldy, schew and reportit the delegence of the said brugh in rowpping and setting of thair commoun rent, perambulating thair mercheis, according to the 32 act of the last conventioun, quhilk was ane heid of the missiue, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis.

Kirkcaldie.

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Barkers of ledder.

13. The samyn day, anent that heid of the missiue concerning vnfremen quha byis and barkis ledder and bringis the samyn to be sauld in fre burrowis, as is mentionat in the fourtie act of the last conwention, the saidis commissioneris gewis thair awyse and opinioun that ilk brugh may restrain the said vnfre persounis sua far as thair liberteis and the lawis of the realm will permite and na vtherwayis, and findis thame that ar baith cordenaris and barkeris within brugh or in lyk rank to be vsit na forther nor the saidis liberteis and law will suffer.

Abirdeyne contra Bamff. Missiue.

14. The samyn day, ordains the brugh of Banff to be warneit be the generall missiue to the nixt generall conwention to ansuer to the complaint of the brugh of Aberdein for haiffing and nocht depryueing of their outland burgessis, and as lykwayis to ansuer to ane vther complaint gewin in be Aberdein aganis the said brugh, and the commissioner of the said brugh to comper sufficientle instrucit to ansuer to the saidis complaintis vnder the pane of j^{c} li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Culros contra Stirling. Missiue.

15. The samyn day, anent the terme assignit to the brugh of Stryviling for prewing of the exception admitit to thair probatioun aganis the complaint of the brugh of Culros, mentionat in the [19] act of the last conwentioun, Walter Cowane commissioner for the brugh of Sterling, with Johne Forrett, clerk, commissioner for the brugh of Culros, being personle present, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis of consent of baith the saidis parteis gewis commissioun to the brugh of Lynlythgow to tak tryell and cognitioun of the said mater, and ordanis the said brugh of Sterling to produce before thame sic witnessis and probatioun as thai will vse for proveing of the said exceptioun, and assignis to them the tuenty day of September nixt, gif it be lauchful, and failzeing the nixt lauchfull day thairefter, to that effect and warneis baith the saidis parteis thairto *apud acta,* and ordanis the said probatioun to be incloissit and producit be the said brugh of Sterling at the nixt conwentioun generall, and baith the parteis to be present to heir sentence pronuncit in the said mater vnder the pane of xl li.

Hadingtoun, contributioun.

16. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris requeistis ilk brugh that as zit hes nocht gewin thair voluntar contributioun to the brugh of Hadington, according to the act of the last conventioun, that thai be mair cairfull of the samyn and recomend thair caus to thair ministre and peple, and ilk commissioner present to aduerteis his brugh heiroff in dew tyme.

17. The samyn day, desyris Richard Doby and William Penstoun, com-

missioneris for Edinbrugh, to speik thair magistrattis and counsall to be myndfull to the support the indigens of George Strawchane burges of Aberdein, sumtyme of honest rank and estimatioun, and quhome thai be thair seuerall missiueis recommendit to the saidis burrowis.

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Edinbrugh, Straquhen.

18. The samyn day, anent that heid of the missiue concerneing the transporting of woll furth of the realm, and mentionat in the nynt act of the last conwentioun generall, findis that the brugh of Edinbrugh hes nocht done sic exact delegence in pvnisching of thair transgressouris of the actis of burrowis maid thairanent as the saidis actis requyreis, speciale the act maid at the last conventioun generall haldin at Perth, and neuirtheles inrespect of the impedimentis schawin and producit be the present commissionaris of the said brugh of Edinbrugh, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis dispensis with the said brugh for the penulte contenit in the last act of the said conventioun maid thairanent, and for better executioun of the saidis actis of burrowis aganis the inhabitantis of the said brugh quha hes transgressit and transgressis the samyn, findis expedient to gewe and grant and be thir presentis gewis and grantis powir and commissioun to sic burrowis as sal be derect fra this present conwentioun in ony vther the effairis of thair estait to the brugh of Edinburgh to concur with the magistrattis thairoff in suitting the awyse and consultatioun of men of law gif the suspensiouns rasit be nichtbouris of the said brugh may be prosecute or nocht without hurt or preiudice of the burrowis, and gif thai fynd that the samyn may be done ordanis the said brugh to walkin the saidis suspensiouns and follow furth the samyn with all conwenient delegence, and to schaw attestatioun thairvpoun to the nixt conwentioun generall vnder the paneis mentionat in the saidis actis of burrowis; and anent thair nichtbouris that sall transgres the saidis actis heirefter ordanis the said brugh to schaw their autentik delegence to the nixt conwentioun generall in writt in pvnisching thair saidis nichtbouris according to the act of burrowis haldin at the last conwentioun generall haldin at Perth and of the paneis thairin contenit, and that ilk brugh quhome it effeiris do the lyk and reporte thair delegence in writt to the nixt conwentioun generall vnder the said pane, and this to be ane heid of the missiue; and als the saidis commissioneris findis expedient that commissioun be gewin to the saidis commissioneris of the saidis brughis quha salbe direct fra this conwentioun in the vther thair effairis to the effect foirsaid sall alsua tak consultatioun with men of law

Woll. Edinbrugh. Burrowes. Missiue.

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Crafts in suburbs.

for prosecuting of the act of parliament maid anent craftis in the suburbs of fre burrowis, and to resolue vpoun the interpretatioun and meneing of the said word suburbs, and how far the samyn may be extendit.

Quinto Iulij j^{m} v^{c} lxxxxix.

Contribution, Haddingtoun, Abirdeyne.

19. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris being convenit, Alexander Seytoun commissioner for the brugh of Hadingtoun confest and grantit him to haue ressauit fra Maister Alexander Culane commissioner for Aberdein in name of the said brugh the soume of tua hundreth threscoir merkis, collecit of volunter contributioun for supporte of the said brugh of Hadingtoun, conforme to the act of burrowis maid thairanent at the last conventioun generall haldin at Glasgow, quhairvpoun the said commissioner of Aberdein askit instrumentis.

Rex, Hunter, conseruator in Ingland. Commissio.

20. The samyn day, compeirit Richart Prestoun, capetaine of his maiestous hous, and producit ane lettre missiue derect from his maieste to the saidis burrows, and declairit that it was his maiestie's will and mynd that the mater thairin contenit sould nocht be delayit, bot haue ane resolute and spedy ansuer, off the quhilk lettre the tennour followis:—To our trest friendis the commissioneris presentle conwenit at Lynlythgow. Trustie freindis we grete zow weill. Considering the greuous complaint of sindre our subiectis of the merchand estait, susteneing grit lois within thir lait zeiris in thair persouns and guidis be the pirrace of Ingland, quhilk is pairtlie in defalt of moyene and pairtlie throw vnskilfulnes of the persouns interest, hes lyin owir onsuitit for or redressit to the impouereging and grit preiudice of our cuntrey, as lykwayis considering that sindre debaittis and actiouns commonle falling out betuixt merchand and merchand, our subiectis traffikquand in Ingland, requyreis ane instant decisioun, and ane iudge to be appointit to that effect as we haue in the Law Cuntreyis and Spayne, we haue thocht expedient thairfor that ane of our awin salbe depute to mak residence at Londoun as conseruatour of our preuelegeis and agent, alsueill to meyne the redres of the lossis of our subiectis of the merchand estait as to iudge of the particular questiouns and debaittis happening amangis them, and sua vpoun ane speciall regard and assureance we haue of the loyaltie and experience of our weilbelouit William Hunter, ane of zour awin calling and

nichtbouris, quhome we send for anis eirand for the samyn purpois, we haue maid chois of him to be preferrit and imployit in that our seruice, willing and desyring zow to wey and consider how necessar it is that he be placeit for the effectuating of that our seruice speciale redounding to zour particular weill and commodite, and according to zour discretiounis to modyfe quhairvpoun he salbe intertenit, ather speciale be the traffiqueris within that realm, or generale be the haill burrowis ; quhairinto nocht doutting of zour conformite sen this is ane mater quhairin ze haue grittest interest, and ane thing quhairin we ar resoluit to haue done, and resting to zour ansuer quhat may be lieket thairanent, we commit zow to God, from Falkland this last of Iunij 1599. *Et sic subscribitur,* IAMES REX. With the quhilk the saidis commissioneris of burrowis being ryple adwysit, for satiffeing of his maiestei's desyre, ordanis the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perthe, Dundy, Aberdein, Glasgow, Sanctandrois, Air, Kirkcaldy, Culros, Anstruther Eister, Dysart, Brunteland, Kingorne, Pittinweyme, Craill, and Dumferling, to direct thair commisioneris sufficientle instrucit to meitt and convene at the brugh of Edinbrugh the thrid day of August nixt to intreatt, consult, voitt and conclude in the said mater in all thair nameis, geweand the saidis brughis or maist pairt of thame conweneand thair full powir and commissioun to that effect, *promittentes de rato ;* and the brughis conveneand to vnlaw the brughis absent in ane vnlaw of xx li., and the present commissioneris of the saidis burrowis to mak intimatioun and aduerteisement to thair saidis brughis in dew tyme, and the vnlawis of the burrowis absent to pertene to the burrowis conveneand for thair expenssis and trauellis.

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21. The samyn day, vpoun consideration of the pure and decayit estait of the brugh of Ruglein knawin to the saidis burrowis, thay grant and disponis to the said brugh the taxatioun of the soume of ane hundreth pundis, to be imployit for reparatioun of thair tolbuith and calsayis, and to be payit be ilk brugh according to the taxt roll, and ordanis ilk brugh to bring and produce the samyn at the nixt conventioun generall vnder the pane of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Support of Ruglein. Taxatioun. Burrowis. Missiue.

22. The samyn day, Maister Robert Dennelsoun, conseruatour in the Law Cuntrey of Flanders, producit ane lettre missiue fra the toun of Campheir in Zeland, direct to the saidis burrowis, lykas also Richart Doby, commissioner of Edinbrugh, producit ane vther missiue of the said toun, direct to Henre Nesbett lait provest of Edinbrugh, be the quhilkis lettres the said

Commissio. Campheir, Conseruatour.

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toun of Campheir purges thame selffis of the nowatioun raissit vpoun the natioun and of all contrauentioun of the mutuall contract, and thairfoir ordanis the brugh of Edinbrugh, and Richart Doby thair present commissioner, with awyse of my lord conseruatour, caus pen ane ansuer thairto, and als to put in wryte the heidis and artikleis be the quhilk the merchandis of ony brugh findis them selffis grewit be the said toun of Campheir, and the samyn to be incloissit within the said missiue and send to the said toun of Campheir, requyreing thair ansuer to be returneit thairvpoun to the brugh of Edinbrugh to be reportet be the said brugh to the burrowis at thair nixt conwentioun, and in the meintyme desyris my lord conseruatour at his returneing to the Campheir to insist with the said toun and gif attendance that the mutuall contract be obseruit for thair pairt and the enormeteis, gif ony be, with expeditioun repairit.

Statute, Factours, Conseruatour.

23. The samyn day, it was exponit and declairit to the saidis commissioneris be the commissioneris of Edinbrugh, in name of certane thair nichtbouris merchandis trafficquand at the stapill in Campheir, that thair factouris resident thair hes begun of lait to tak factour fey of the saidis merchandis geir at the first selling, baith of fraucht and vther chairgis, quhair thai aucht na mair bot of the fre money to the wairing to thair grit hurt and skaith, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis findis and delyueris that nocht onle the saidis factouris of Campheir bot that na vther factouris in France, Flanderis, or ony vther partis, nor na Scottis merchandis factouris, ane to ane vther aucht nocht nor sould nocht tak or haue ony factour fey of thair merchandis bot alanerle of the fre money that sall happin to be frie to the wairing, and thairfoir ordanis them to decist and ceis fra all taking of ony factour fey bot of the fre money alanerly, and ordanis my lord conseruatour tak ane extract of this act to be intimit to the saidis factouris, and to se the samyn keipit and obseruit in all tymeis cuming.

Statute, Campheir, Stevin Rissells. Conseruatour, Merchants, Factoures.

24. The samyn day, vnderstanding that the natioun is hewele hurt and preiugeit be ane Stewin Rissellis and his sone, inhabitentis in the toun of Campheir, of taking vpoun thame to be factouris and byaris of the merchandis in the West Flanderis and Holand, and vtheris that wont to cum in grit nvmber and by from the natioun thair skynis and wairis, caussis thame to abyid at hame, quhairby the natioun is constrainit to sell thair wairis of lawer priceis nor thai wald do giff the byaris come doun in grit cumpanyis as thai war wont to do, and the said Stewin and his said sone makis

them selffis ane grit awantage heirby vpoun the lose of our natioun, and als vnderstandis that the samyn forme is vsit be sum of the factouris in bying to the vse of the cuntrey men and taking profeit thairfoir: For remeid heiroff the saidis commissioneris statutis and ordanis, and be thir presentis inhibitis and dischargeis, that na Scottis merchandis nor thair factouris sell ony stapill wairis cumand fra Scotland to the said Stewin or his sone or ony in thair name to thair behoue directle nor inderectle, vnder the pane of ten pundis Flemis, to be vptakin be the conseruatour incais thai failze, the ane half to the burrowis and the vther half to him selff, and he to be comptable to the burrowis for thair halff, and the said conseruatour to mak lauchfull intimatioun heirof to the merchandis at the ressait of thair cokquett, and als that na Scottis factouris in the Campheir tak vpoun thame to be factouris for the said cuntrey men and them in West Flanderis and Holand in bying of Scottis stapill wairs to thair behoue, bot that thai suffer thame to cum doun and by the samyn them selffis as thai war wont to do, vnder the said pane; and my lord conseruatour to intemit this present ordenance to the saidis factouris.

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25. The samyn day, anent the mater of the excyse beir and wyne in Campheir, the saidis commissioneris be ressoun of ane lettre send to thame be the factouris, and for dyuerss vtheris caussis and consideratiouns, findis expedient, granttis and consentis, that the saidis factouris at the sicht of my lord conseruatour, for this zeir to cum alanerle, intromett with and vplift the said excyse beir and wyne as thai haue done in tymeis bygane, prouyding that for this caus that the natioun haue ane gritter ease in thair ordener entertenement in thair factouris houssis nor thai haue haid heirtofore seing the said excyse is grantit for that caus, and desyris my lord conseruatour to se that the samyn be done be the saidis factouris for the weill of the natioun, and that he aduerteis the burrowis heiroff, and of the estait of the said excyse beir and wyne, at the nixt conventioun generall, with ony vther guid owertour that he may fynd out for the better imployment of the said excyse to the best commodite and honour of the natioun.

Excyse beir and wyne. Factouris. Conseruatour.

26. The samyn day, ordanis my lord conseruatour, being personle present, to send to the nixt conventioun generall the nameis of sic as transportis to the Law Cuntreyis ony burnecoll furth of the realm, with the contentis of thair licenceis gif thai ony haue.

Conseruatour. Burnecoill.

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Statute. Wigtoun, Mynniegolf. Trafficque at Clachanes and vnfrie places.

27. The samyn day, compeirit Patrik Hannay commissioner for Wigtoun, and producit ane act of the conventioun of burrowis subscryvit be vmquhile Alexander Guthre clerk thairoff; of the quhilk the tenour followis: Apud Edinbrugh decimo septimo Octobris j^{m} v^{c} lxxv. The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowis in thair conventioun haldin at the said brugh of Edinbrugh the day abouewrittin, efter awysement with the supplicatioun producit before thame be William Gordoun and Iohne Mairtyne, counsalouris of the brugh of Wigtoun, beiring that thair said brugh, being ane of the antient burrowis within this realm, was at this present alluterle depauperat be the merkettis and fairis, hantit and keipit at the vnfre clauchan of Menygolff and vtheris landwart kirkis thairabout, expres contrair the actis of parliament and aganis the fredome and preuelege grantit to fre burrowis of this realm, as at mair lenth was contenit in the said supplicatioun, quhilk being red and ressonnet and be the saidis commissioneris vnderstand and considerit, thay fynd that the merchandis of fre burrowis quhilkis hantis and traffikquis with the said clauchan of Monygolf, makand thair merchandrice thair, are the onle occasioun of thair merkitt, quhilk is the grit hurt of thair saidis nichtbouris of Wigtoun and dyuerssis fre touns thairabout, for remeid quhairof thai haue statute and ordanit that na merchand of ony fre brugh within this realm hant, resorte, trafficque, or mak merchandrice at the said vnfre clauchan of Monygolfe or vtheris vnfre placeis quhatsumewir, bott that thai pas by and sell and mak thair merkettis at fre burrowis at all appointit tymeis and fairis, conforme to the prewelegeis grantit to thame, and na vther placeis fra this furth, vnder the pane of ten pundis to be takin of ilk merchand doing in the contrair, to be applyit to the commoun warkis of the brugh quhair his duelling is, without preiudice of the panis contenit in the actis of our souerane lordis parliament, and to the effect that nane pretend ignorance the saidis commissioners ordanis this statute to be publeschit or intimat within euerie fre brugh, and giff ony persoun transgressour refuissis to pay the said vnlaw that adwerteisment be maid to the provest and bailleis of Edinbrugh to the effect that thai may caus lettres be rasit for pvnisching of the saidis transgressouris according to the lawis and actis of parliament foirsaid. Quhilk act being red and considerit the saidis commissioneris ratefeis and appreweis the samyn with this correctioun that the penulte of ten li. inflictit be the said act sall apertene to the apprehender for his panis.

28. The samyn day, remitts to the brugh of Sanctandrois the fee of twenty merkis awand be them of thair xl li. vnlaw quhilk thai incurrit for absence fra the particular conventioun haldin at Edinbrugh in September last, and ordanis the samyn to be allowet to Iames Wynram agent in his comptis. LINLITHGOW, 5, 6 July 1599. Sanctandrois, precept, agent.

29. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun of the brugh of Irewin, craweing supporte to thair decayit brugh with sudden fyre, contenewis the samyn to the nixt conventioun generall, ordaneing ilk brugh to cum instrucit to gif ansuer heirto, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missue. Irewyne, support. Missue.

30. The samyn day, findis expedient, statutis and ordanis, that Iames Wynrame, agent, at na tyme heirefter sall denunce the provest and bailleis of ony brugh to the horne for ony vnlaw bot at the mercat croce quhair thai duell, and that thai be personle chairgit for payment of the said vnlaw. Statute, Wynrhame, hornings.

31. The samyn day, grantis licence to the commissioner [of the] brugh of Ruglein to pas hame fra this conventioun, and the said commissioner ratefeit all thingis done and to be done thairinto. Rugleyn, licence to depairt.

32. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Craill contra Pittinweyme, for taking away fra thame of certane tymber, ordanis the parteis, being present, to compeir before the commissioneris appointed to convene at Edinbrugh the thrid day of August nixt, and ordanis the parteis to cum sufficiently instrucit that day [under the] pane of xx li., and gewis commissioun to the saidis commissioneris to decyid thairinto, and incais the saidis commissioneris can nocht agre then that the saidis toun of Craill salbe licentiat to persew his action before the lordis. Craill, contra Pittinweyme.

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33. THE QUHILK day, the commissioneris foirsaidis being conwenit, gewis powir and commissioun to the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perth, Dundy, Sanctandrois, Glasgow, Lynlythgow, to heir the comptis of Iames Wynraham their agent sen the conventioun haldin at Brunteland, with powir to them to fute [and] subscryve the samyn, allow and disalow, *promittentis de rato.* Commissio. Agent compts Wynram.

34. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Craill contrair Anstruther Eister, the commissioneris of baith the said brughis being personale present, the commissioneris of burrowis ordanis baith the saidis par- Craill contra Anstruther Eister. Missiue.

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teis to compeir sufficientle instrucet with thair richtis ressouns and alegeanceis at the nixt conventioun generall, vnder the pane of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Craill.

35. The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Craill to bring and produce, before the commissioneris appointed to conwene at Edinbrugh the thrid day of August nixt, thair acquittanceis, forme and maner of the payment of the twa vnlawis extending to xl li. quhairin thai war adiudgeit in the last conventioun haldin at Glasgow, vnder the pane of xx li.

Hadingtoun. Precept. Agent.

36. The samyn day, in respect of the grit lose and skaith be fyre sustenit be the brugh of Hadington, disponis vnto thame thair vnlaw of xx li., quhairin thai war adiugeit at the conventioun haldin at Brunteland, and ordanis the samyn to be allowit to the said agent in his comptis.

Statute. Air. Vnfre touns.

37. The samyn day, vnderstanding that dyuerssis Erlis, Lordis and Barrouns hes of lait purchessit certane thair clachaneis and landward touns to be erectit in brughis of barronyis with the liberteis apertening to ane fre brugh, as namele Androw Gray prebendar of Mayboyill, for the toun of Monyboyill within the liberte of the brugh of Air; the laird of Dury, for the ferry of Partincraig on the south syde of the river of Tay within the libertie of Dundy; the Laird of Kinhilt for Stranawer, within the libertie of the brugh of Wigtoun; the Laird of Airth, for the said toun of Airth within the liberte of Sterling; and dyuerssis vtheris; and vnderstanding that the brugh of Air hes intentit actioun before the lordis aganis the said toun of Monyboyill, quhilk being decydit in favouris of the said brugh of Air will serwe greitle to the awancement of the burrowis that are in the lyk cais, thairfoir thay eirnestlie desyre the said brugh of Air to insist in the persuite of thair actioun with all delegence and moyane possibill, and the said brugh of Air obtening the victorie the saidis burrowis promittis to beir burding with them in refounding thair partis of the soumeis that it sall happin the said brugh to deburse vpoun clerkis and men of law, or ony vther priwat moyane, be adwyse of the deyne of gild of Edinbrugh, for the better fortherance of thair caus.

And forder the saidis commissioneris inhibiteis and dischargeis all fre brughis, and thair inhabitantis burgessis thairoff, to acknawlege or admit as fre brughis of ony of the saidis touns off Mynieboyill, Portincraig, Stranawer, Airth, or ony vther brugh of barrony newlie erectit, bot that thai intreatt and vse thair inhabitantis as unfre persouns quhill thai be in-

rollet be the conventioun of burrowis in the rank of fre burrowis, and in speciall that nane mak loissing, laidning, paking, peilling, or frauchting of schipis or veschellis, to be loissit and laidnit at the said Portincraig or ony vther vnfre touns vpoun the sey coist, quha pretendis cullour and libertie of ane fre burgh, vnder the pane of xx li. to be payit be the partie failzeand, and ordanis ilk brugh to punische and vnlaw thair inhabitantis contrauenearis heiroff in the said vnlaw, vnder the pane of ane hundreth pundis to be payit to the burrowis be the brugh failzeand sua oft as the samyn can be tryit and provin; and Iames Adamesoun, commissioner for Perth, with Dauid Watsoun commissioner for Sanctandrois, protestit that this act preiudge nocht thair brughis in thair richtis and preuelegeis quilk thai haue or pretendis in the said watter of Tay and Partincraig, and thairvpon askit instrumentis.

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38. The samyn day, grantis and gewis license to the brugh of Lynlythgow to impetrat of our soueraine lord the gift of ane impost of twa penneis of ilk hors laidnit, and ane peny of ilk hors unlaidnit, ox or kow, passand alangis the brig of Allen, to indure for the space of nyne zeiris nixt following the purchessing thairof.

Lynlythgow. Impost. Pittinweyme.

And also grantis licence to the brugh of Pittinweyme to impetrat at our soueraine lord ane gift for vplifting of ane impost at thair port and havin, conforme to the licence grantit to thame of before, at the conwentioun haldin at Perth in anno j^{m} v^{c} lxxxxv zeiris, and that for the space of fyve zeir nixt following the dait of the gift of the samyn.

And siclyke grantis and gewes licence to the brugh of Kirkcaldy to impetrat ane gift of our souerane lord, for the space of sewin zeiris nixt following the dait thairof, off ane impost of the schipis and guidis arryuand in thair herberie, in maner contenit in the last licenceis grantit to the brugh of Aberdein, eikand thairto of ilk chalder salt of vnfremen vj s. viij d., and of fremen iij s. iiii d.; and of the veschell, vnfremen ij s., of fremen xij d.

Kirkcaldy impost.

And siclyk grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Renfrow to impetrat ane gift of our souerane lord, for the space of fyve zeiris nixt following the dait thairoff, off the impost efter specyfeit, that is to say: of ilk doissin buirdis loissit laidnit or sauld at thair herbere aucht peneis; ilk hundreth roungis iiij d.; ilk daiker hyidis tuelf peneis; ilk last hering thre schillingis; ilk ane thousand hering sauld thair foure peneis; ilk doissin small

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skynns j d. : ilk hors laidnit thair cumand fra the Ileis or Irland tua s. ; ilk doissin airis tuelf peneis ; ilk laid vittuall cumand throw thair brugh iiij d. ; ilk ten scheip tua penneis ; ilk nolt tua penneis ; ilk score plaiding coft and sauld be fremen or brocht in be vnfremen aucht penneis.

Dunbartane impost.

ITEM, grantis and geweis licence to the brugh off Dumbartane to impretat at our souerane lord ane gift of the impost following, for the space of nyne zeirs, to witt, of ilk laid meill, malt, and beir, or ony stuff of vnfremenis cumand to thair brugh, of vnfremenis, foure penneis ; ilk boit of tymber, of vnfremenis, that loissis, sellis, or brekis bouk iij s. iiij d., ilk laid bark of vnfremens iiij d. ; prouyding awyis that the saidis brughis and euere ane of them bestow the saidis impostis vpoun reparatioun of thair herberis, and mak zeirle compt thairof to the burrowis at thair generall conventioun, vnder the pane of xx li. sua oft as thai or ather of thame sall failze.

Exemptiouns, Dunbar, Renfrow, Arbroth, Dunbartoun, Peblis.

39. The samyn day, hes exemit and be thir presentis exemis the burrowis vnderwrittin fra thair conwentiouns generall in maner efter specyfeit, to witt, Dumbar and Renfrow for thre zeiris, Arbroth for thre zeiris fra the conventiouns on this syid of Tay, Dumbartane for thre zeiris fra all conventiouns be north Forth, and Peblis for thre zeiris fra all conventiouns be north Forth ; prouyding that thai send to ilk conventioun with the commissioner of the nixt brugh thair autentik lettre of ratefecatioun of all thingis to be done in the said conventioun, togidder with all someis that thai sall happin to be restand awand to the burrowis for the clerk and agent feyis or ony vther caus, vtherwyis to be vnlawit as absentis ; and als thir presentis nocht to be extendit to the caussis quhair thai are warned to ansuer at the instance of ony particular brugh or partie, and the expenssis quhilk thair commissioner micht haue cost thame be bestowit vpoun thair brigis, herbereis, tolbuithis, kirkis, or vther maist necessar commoun warkis, and compt to be gevin thairof to the burrowis at the end of the said exemptioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.

Anstruther Eister contra Anstruther Wester. Missiue.

40. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Anstruther Eister contra Anstruther Wester, ordanis baith the saidis parteis to compeir sufficientle instrucit at the nixt generall conventioun with thair richtis, ressouns, and alegeanceis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Supplicatioun, Dunfreis, Peblis. Missiue.

41. The samyn day, ordanis ilk brugh to compeir sufficientle instructit to gif ansuer at the nixt generall conventioun to the supplicatiouns gewin

in be the brughis of Dumfreis, craiffing support for relief of thair decayit brugh throw the lait pest and fyre, and to the supplicatioun of Peblis craiffing supporte to thair kirk and brig, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. LINLITHGOW, 6th July 1599.

42. The samyn day, ordanis ilk brugh to send thair commissioneris sufficientle instrucit to the nixt generall conventioun to intreat, voit, and conclude vpoun the alteratioun of the generall taxt roll of burrowis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Taxt roll, Missiue.

43. The samyn day, granttis and disponis to the brugh of Innerkeithing the vnlaw of fifte pundis quhairin thai war adiudgeit at the begynning of this conwentioun, for nocht imployement of the soume of ane hundreth pundis vpoun thair herberie, and siclyk geweis thame licence to dispone the said j^{c} li. in ony vther thair public effairis, inrespect of thair grit trublis in the law for thair commoun rent, and als ordanis the commissioneris quha ar appointit to convene at Edinbrugh the thrid day of August nixt to concur and supple the said brugh with thair adwyse and counsall in thair saidis actiouns and mak them sic owertouris as thai can best dewyse for thair fortherance. Innerkething precept, agent.

44. The samyn day, ordanis ilk brugh to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructit to the nixt generall conventioun to gif thair voitt and opinioun vpoun the questioun presentle proponit, to witt, giff the actis and constitutiouns maid or to be maid be ony brugh for stopping of thair nichtbouris conburgessis to sell thair wairis to the fremen of vther burrouis before offer first maid to thair awin conburgessis foirsaidis be preiudiciall to the libertie and commoun weill of vther burrowis or nocht; and also ordanis the brughis of Perth, Hadingtoun, and Sanctandrois to exhibite and produce thair actis, giff ony be, maid thairanent before the said conventioun, vnder the pane of xx li. ilk brugh, and this to be ane heid of the missiue; and Iames Adamsoun, commissioner of Perthe, alegeand that the actis maid be thame in this mater is maid with consent of thair gild brether, and that the burrowis ar nocht judgeis thairto nor na vther thair actis, and als that thair brugh is lauchfulle infeft with full liberte to thair bailleis or deyne of gild to mak actis and statutis aganis thair nichtbouris, and thairfoir disasentit heirto, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis. Anent the selling of wayres be the burgessis of a burgh to the burgessis of ane other. Missiue. Protestatio Perth.

The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris haiffing red and considerit the lettre missiue direct vnto thame from his Maiestie, desyring thame, inre- Staipill in Campheir.

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spect of the trubillis in the Law Cuntreyis, to adwyse, chuis, and desinge ane mair commodious port quhairvnto the haill body of thair stapill now dispersit may repair, as the said lettre proportit; findis efter lang ressoneing that thair is na vther place within the Sewintene Prouincis mair steidabill nor the place quhair it presentle is, inrespect thair is als grit weyaris in West Flanders as thair is in Holand and Zeland.

Brunt Iland, Taxatioun. Missiue.

The samyn day, ordanis ilk brugh that hes nocht payit thair extent grantit to the brugh of Brunteland that thai mak payment thairof at the nixt conventioun generall, vnder the pane of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Comissio. aucht burrowes.

The samyn day, forsamekle as thair is dyuerssis and wechtie effairis concerneing the estait of burrowis quhilkis ar nor can nocht be decyidit in this present conwentioun, as also thair is dyuerssis materis liabill to fall furth betwixt and the nixt generall conventioun, quhilk without spedy deliberatioun may import ane grit preiudice to the saidis burrowis, thairfoir gewis full powir and commissioun to the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perth, Dundy, Glasgow, Sanctandrois, Lynlythgow, Sterling, Kirkaldy, or ony fyve of them, to derect thair commissioneris to conweyne sitt, treit, voit, and conclude vpoun all the materis that hes interwenit or heirefter may interweyne concerneing the estait of burrowis quhill the nixt generall conventioun, as thai salbe aduerteissit be the agent at directioun of the brugh of Edinbrugh, siclyke and als frele as the commissioneris of the haill burrowis micht haue done in thair full conventioun generall, and quhatsumewir the saidis brughis or ony fyve of them conveneand be thair commissioners sall resolue and do in the premissis, the saidis commissioneris for thame selfis and thair saidis burrowis promesis to ratefe and allow the samyn, and to beir thair burding in halding hand thairinto, prosecuting and obeying thairoff at thair powir, and the burrowis convencand to haue powir to vnlaw the burrowis absent in ane vnlaw of xx li. sua oft as thai failze, thai being lauchfule warneit, and quhat expenssis it sall happin the saidis commissioneris to mak in conveneing as saidis thay ordane the agent to refound the samyn at the sicht of thair comptis, quhilk salbe thankfulle allowit to him in his comptis.

Statute, exemptiouns. Missiue.

The samyn day, it is statute and ordanit that giff ony brugh quhilk hes exemptioun sendis nocht in dew tyme thair act of exemptioun dewle extractit with thair lettre of ratefecatioun to the conwentioun of burrowis

before xij houris vpoun the first day of the conwentioun thay salbe adiugeit and decernit in ane vnlaw of xx li., and siclyk giff thai failze to send the clerk and agent feyis at that samyn tyme, with all vther someis that thai salbe fund awand to the burrowis, to be adiudgeit and decernit in ane vther vnlaw of xx li., making in the haill the soume of xl li., and that ilk brugh be aduerteissit heiroff be the nixt generall missiue that thai pretend na ignorance of the samyn.

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The samyn day, desertis and desolueis this present conwentioun and appointtis and affixis thair generall conventioun to be begun and haldin at the brugh of Kingorne the first day of Iulij nixtocum, with contenewatioun of dayis, and ordanis the commissioner of the said brugh to mak aduerteisement to the magistratis of thair brugh, and thai to mak warneing to the haill burrowis be the generall missiue.

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The samyn day, the saidis commissioners findis be reporte of the commissioneris depute for heiring of the comptis of Iames Wynraham, agent, that the burrowis standis detfull to him in the soum of tua hundreth pundis *de claro* of al thingis he may crawe of the commissioneris preceding the dait heiroff, and thairfoir ordanis ilk brugh to bring and produce thair pairt thairof at the nixt conventioun, according to the taxt roll, vnder the pane of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue; and the said Iames Wynram of his awin consent is ordanit to vplift the vnlawis of the brughis vnderwrittin, that is to say, Quhithorne, Culane, Narne, euerie ane of them ane vnlaw of xx li. for thair absence fra the last conwentioun of Glasgow, and the brughis of Jedbrugh, Innernes, Thane, Rosay, Quhithorne, Narne, euerie ane of them xx li. for absence fra this present conventioun, and to produce ather horneing or payment at the nixt generall conventioun, and to be chairgit thairwith in his nixt comptis.

Wynram, agent comptis. Missiue.

Vnlawes, chairge agentt.

The samyn day, be ressoun the vnlawis of burrowis is exhausstit and spent vpoun expenssis in craweing thairoff, and thairfoir it is thocht expedient, statute and ordanit, that the burrowis that sall happin to be absent fra ony conventioun generall salbe adiuget in an vnlaw of fourte merkis to help to mak the expenssis in ingadering thairof, with prouisioun gif thai pay voluntarle vpoun ane semple lettre of the agent without lettres of horneing in that cais to be fre for the auld vnlaw of xx li. alanerly.

Statute absents vnlawing.

The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Dysart to elect and cheis thair magistrattis and counsale at Mychalmes nixt according to the actis of parliament and burrowis maid thairanent, vnder the pane of fyve hundreth

Dysart, electioun of thair magistratts. Missiue.

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pundis, and gif neid beis ordanis Iames Wynram to raiss lettres of the lordis vpoun this present act chairgeing thame thairto vnder the pane foirsaid, and als ordanis the said brugh to be chairgit be the generall missiue to exhibite and produce in the nixt generall conventioun thair autentik forme of thair electioun in writ maid in maner foirsaid, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of j^{c} li. to be payit to the saidis burrowis in cais thai failze.

Agentt, Boyde, Wynrame, Stewart.

The samyn day, ordanis Iames Wynram, agent, to caus aduocatis speir before the lordis for thair entres in the caus depending before them betuixt Alexander Stewart, seruand to the pryour of Blantyre, and Iohne Boyid, burges of Edinbrugh, anent the office of jedgerie wraking, and burneing of all hoghedis and barrellis of heringis salmond and quhyt fische, and to insist thairinto for the weill of the saidis burrowis.

Robert Steuart, moderatour.
Richard Doby.
Alexander Cullen.
William Penistoun.
Iames Adamsone.
W. Somervell.
Patrik Sellar.
Andro Ker.
Iames Tempill.
Alexr. Setoune.
I. Anstruther of that ilk, Eister.
Dauid Strang.
Alexr. Wod.
Williame Pratus.
David Maxvell.
Robert Richartsoun.
An. Wilsone.
Robert Watsoun.
Peter Clayhillis.
Dauid Watsoune.
Walter Cowane.
William Ramsay.
Dauid Fergushill.
William Scott, commissioner for Irewin.
Iohnne Forrett for Culros.
Ihone Reid.
Ihone Hacket.
Iames Hackat.
Ninane Lowis.
G. Durie.
Patrik A'Hannay prowest of Wigtoun.

In the Particular Conventioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at Edinburgh the thrid day of August, the zeir of God j^m v^c fourescoir nynetein zeirs, for intreatting vpoun certane the commoun affaires of the burrowes, and speciallie the mater of erectioun of ane conseruatorie at Londoun conforme to the [20] *act of the last generall conventioun haldin at Lynlythgow in Iulij last, and other acts of the said conventioun, Comperit the Commissioneris vnderwrittin and producet thair commissiouns as followis:— to witt* EDINBURGH, 3d August 1599.

Edinburgh, Iohnn Dowgall, elder; Alexander Lyndsay; Perth, Iames Adamsoun; Dundie, Walter Hay; Glasgow (*blank*); Sanctandrowis, Dauid Watsoun; Air, Archibald Lokhartt, Kirkcaldie (*blank*); Culros, Robert Maistertoun; Dysart, Patrik Weymis; Brunt Iland, Maister Androw Wilsoun; Kingorne, (*blank*); Pittinweyme, Peter Strang; Craill, Androw Daw; Dunfermling, Iames Cudbert.

The sam day, the saids commissioners electet Ihonn Dowgall, first commissionar for the burgh of Edinburgh, thair moderatour, induring this present conventioun, quha comperand acceptet the samyn. Moderatour.

The sam day, James Wynrhame, agent, producit ane letter missiue direct fra the burgh of Abirdeyne, be the quhilk thai disassentet to nominatt any persoun to be conseruatour for this natioun to be resident at Londoun, for the ressouns thairin contenit, and desyret this thair protestation of dissenting to be insert in the conventioun buiks, and lykewayes thai excusit thame selffs for nocht sending thair commissioner to this present conventioun for the ressouns contenit in the said lettre; and the saids commissioners being advyset fand the said ressouns nocht sufficient, and thairfoir decernet and discernis the said burch in ane vnlaw of twenty pund for thair absence, to be vpliftet be Iames Wynrhame, agent, to be gevin to the burrowes conveneand for thair expenses. Abirdeyne. Charge Wynram. Conservatour in Ingland.

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Anstruther vnlawet. Charge Wynram.

The samyn day, decernis the brugh of Anstruther Eister in ane vnlaw of xx li., for absence fra this present conventioun, to be payit as saidis.

Glasgow, Kirkcaldie, Kingorne. Charge Agentt.

The samyn day, decernis the brughis of Glasgow, Kirkaldy, Kingorne, euerie ane of thame in ane vnlaw of xx li., be ressoun that Iames Tempill, Iames Hackett, and Iohn Reid, compeirand and pretendand thame commissioneris for the saidis brughis, producit nocht thair commissiounis, providing awayis that gif thai delyuer sufficient commissiouns to Maister Alexander Guthre, thair generall clerk, betuixt and Monday nixt, that thai be fred of the saidis vnlawis, and na vtherwayis, bot to be payet as saidis.

Conseruatour in Ingland.

The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris haifing red and considerit the act of the last generall conwentioun maid anent William Hunter, merchant, to be placeit ane conseruatour for the natioun at Londoun, conforme to his Maiesties lettre missiue, insert in the said act; quhairin alsua his maiestie desyreis the burrowis to modyfe him ane ressonable intertenement, according to thair discretiouns; with the quhilkis the saidis commissioneris being ryple adwyssit, haifing also considerit the missiueis baith particular and generall directit to thame be his maiestie, efter lang ressoneing and debaitting of the said mater amangis them selffis, findis and delyueris that the erecting and placeing of the said conseruatour in Londoun with his moyane and intertenement can nather be profitable nor necessar to thair estait bot rather hurtfull and chargeabill to the samyn, for the ressouns presentle proponit and considerit be thame as saidis, and thairfoir ordanis the present commissioneris of the brughis of Edinbrugh and Dundy to pas to his maiestie, to expone and declare the wechtie caussis and ressouns moweing the saidis burrowis to iudge and esteme the placeing and prouyding of the said conseruatour vnprofitable and vnnecessar as said is, requyreing the saidis commissioneris to deill prudentlie and circumspectlie with his maiestie in all humilite and reuerence that his maiestie haue nocht occasioun to tak this refuis in ane evill pairt; and als ordanis ane missiue to be pennit and direct with them to his maiestie in schort termeis beiring the directioun of the saidis commissioneris.

Dunfreis. Missiue.

The samyn day, ordanis that it be ane heid of the nixt general missue to the nixt generall conventioun to gif ansuer to the desyre of the brugh of Dunfreis, craving support for the wrak and skayth sustenit be thame throw the pest and burning of laitt.

Edinburgh, Woll.

The samyn day, nominatis and constitutis the brughis of Perth, Sanct-

androis, Air, with the commissioner to be appointet be Edinbrugh, to pas to the assessouris of the said brugh and suite thair adwyse and consultatioun gif the suspensiouns rasit be the nichtbouris of the said brugh of Edinbrugh anent the mater of the woll may be prosecute or nocht without hurt to the burrowis, according to the [18] act of the last conwentioun at Lynlythgow. EDINBURGH, 3d August 1599.

Iohne Dowgall.
Iames Adamsone.
Walter Hay.
Dauid Watsoune.
Iames Tempill.
Archebald Lokhart.
Rt. Maistertoun.
Peter Strang.
Iohnne Hacket.

P. Wemys.
An. Wilsome.
Iohne Reid.
Alexr. Lyndsay, Iames Cuthebert, Androw Daw, with our handis at the pen led be the notar vnderwrittin at our command becaus we can nocht wryte.
Ita est Iohannes Nesbet notarius publicus in premissis testificate meis subscriptione manualibus.
Io. Nesbet.

In the Particular Conwentioun of Burrowis, begune and haldin at Edinbrugh the fourt day of September j^m v^c four scoir nyntene zeiris, be wertew of the 47 act of the last Generall Conwentioun of Burrowis haldin at Lynlythgow, and be wertew of the citatioun maid be the brugh of Edinbrugh, Comperit the Co missioneris vnderwrittin, and producit thair commissiouns grantit vnto thame for halding of this present Conwentioun : to witt :— Edinburgh. 4th Sept. 1599.

EDINBRUGH, Rodger Maknath, Dauid Fairlie ; Perthe, Iames Adamesoun, deyne of gild ; Dundy, Iohnne Traill : Sterling, Walter Cowane, deyne of

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gild; Sanctandrois, Dauid Watsoun, deyne of gild; Lynlythgow, Androw Ker, clerk; Kirkcaldy, Iohnne Hackett.

Electioun of the moderatour.

The quhilk day, electis, creatis, and constitutis Rodger Maknath, first commissioner for the brugh of Edinbrugh, their moderatour during this conwentioun, quha compeirand acceptet the samyn.

Fischer, productioun of writtis.

The samyn day, comperit Thomas Fischer, merchand, burges of this brugh, and producit before the saidis commissioneris ten particular ald writtis in parchement, writtin in Frensche, concerning the liberteis and preueledgeis quhilkis the burrowis hes in the realm of France anent thair customeis, quhairof sewin of thame sellit with grit seillis, and the rest vnseillit, quhilk the said Thomas ressauit fra my Lord Bischop of Glasgow, and quhilk was delyuerit to his lordship be Henre Nesbett in keiping; and siclyk the said Thomas producit tuelf new particular writtis in parchement, quhilk he hes of lait purchest at the King of Franceis hand, ratefeing the saidis priueledgeis, quhairof four of thame seillit with grit seillis, and ane with ane stampe, togidder with ane prentit custome lettre in paper, beiring the new forme of the customeing of the guidis according to the new preueledgeis obtenit, custoumeit at Rowane; as lykwayis producit ane tabill of his proceidingis in France, subscryuit with his hand; quhilkis haill writtis, with the said tabill, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis ordanis him to delyuer to the prowest, bailleis, and counsale of Edinbrugh, and to ressaue fra thame attestatioun vpoun thair ressait thereof, and thai to caus put them in thair chairtour hous to be furthecumand to the burrowis.

Glasgow vnlawit. Charge agent.

The samyn day, findis the brugh of Glasgow to haue incurrit the pane and vnlaw of twenty pundis for absence fra this present conwentioun being lauchfulle warneit thairto, quhilk thai ordane to be payit to Iames Wynrahame thair agent, quhairwith he is to be chairgit in his comptis.

Impost. France and Scotland. Fischer.

The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris haifand hard, sene, futeit, calculatt, and allowitt the compt of Thomas Fischer, merchand, anent the expenssis and soumeis of money debursit be him in ratefeing of the former liberteis and doungetting of the customeis laitlie raysit vpoun the natioun in the realm of France, as lykwayis of the impost ressauit be him in France and Scotland thairfor, and of the soume of ane hundreth threscoir tuelf frankis xv sowz awand be him to the burrowis, according to ane act

maid in the conventioun buik in September 1598, the saidis commissioneris findis the burrowis to be awand to the said Thomas Fischer, *de claro*, for his weyage foirsaid, conforme to his futeit compt, the soume of aucht hundreth crouns, extending to twenty four hundreth frankis mair, for chairgis of the burrowis at this conwentioun and at the conwention in September 1598, the soume of ane hundreth fourtene pundis, and for payment thairof the saidis commissioneris, for them selffis and in name of the haill burrowis, haifand powir be wertew of the 47 act of the last conwention haldin at Lynlythgow, agreis and consenttis to the impost following, to witt: fourtie sowz of ilk twn geir arryuand fra Scotland to Deip, New Hewin, Caleis, and Riwer of Sowine, except daillis quhilk is ordanit to be fre of the samyn; and of all geir cumand fra the saidis pairtis to Scotland, of ilk twn sex pundis scotis, except the sorts of geir wnderwrittin viz.: iyrne pottis, stray, wode, treyne, schuillis, apillis, peiris, wynigar, quhilk sall pay alanerle thre pundis the twn; and the impost foirsaid to be vplifted be the said Thomas and his factoris and deputis in his name for quhome he salbe haldin to ansuer, ay and quhill he be completlie payitt of the said soume, and the said Thomas to be comptibill to the burrowis vpoun his ressait at ilk generall conventioun, and thai that refuisis to pay in France vpoun this attestatioun to pay for ilk frank thairof xxx s., and the burrowis that sall happin to conweyne at the heiring of his comptis to haue consideratioun how lang he wanttis his money, fra the twenty-fyve day of Merche nixt j^{m} vj^{c} zeir of God, and the commissioners desyris the brugh of Edinbrugh to wryte to the factouris in the said Thomas' fawour.

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Comissio. Fischer.

The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris, vnderstanding that the said Thomas hes caussit wryte forine his comptis and is to extract thir actis and to mak and perfyte sindre procuratouris to send furth of the cuntrey, thairfoir granttis and consentis that he distribute the soume of tuenty sex pundis to sic persouns as he hes imployit, and further gewis the said Thomas commissioun to satiffe and pay his collectouris baith in France and Scotland according to his discretioun, quhilk salbe thankfulle allowit to him in his comptis.

The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris, with consent of the said Thomas Fischer, makis, creattis, and constitutis Johne Nesbett, seruatour to Maister Alexander Guthre, his collectour and vnder ressauear of the im-

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post abakwrittin, vptakin at the port and hewin of Leith, and the said Iohne to mak compt of his intromissioun to the said Thomas.

Roger Maknacht.	Dauid Watsoun.
Dauid Fairley.	Walter Cowane.
Iohnne Craill.	Andro Ker.
Iames Adamsone.	Ihone Hacket.

Edinburgh, 3d January 1600.

At Edinburgh the thrid day of Januare, the zeir of God ane thousand and sax hundreth zeirs, the quhilk day the persones vnderwrittin, being convenit for thame selffis and takand the burding vpone thame as Commissioners in the name of the Burrowis vnderwrittin, that is to say:

Borrowing of Im merks. Commissio. Edinburgh, Dundie, Abirdeyne.

Richerd Doby, Williame Maull, Thomas Fischer, bailleis, of the burch of Edinbrugh; Iames Adamesone and Androw Kay, burgessis of Perthe, for the said burgh of Perthe; Robert Flescheour, Maister Iohnne Lovell, burgessis of Dundie, for the said burch of Dundy; Alexander Rutherfurd, lait provest of Aberdene, for the said burch of Aberdene; Iames M'Kane, Maister Richerd Andersone, burgessis of Montrois, for the said burch of Montrois; Andrew Ker of Lynlythgow, for the said brugh of Lynlythgow; Iohn Hackett for the brugh of Kirkcaldy; Walter Cowane for Sterling.

Vnderstanding that thair is sindrie matters in hand quhilk may be verrie hurtfull and preiudiciall to the estait of burrowis, and in speciall befoir the Lordis of Sessioun, gif spedie and tymous remeid be nocht provydit thairfoir, the saidis persones for thameselfis, and takand the burding vpoun thame for thair saidis burghes, hes thocht expedient, agreit, and consentit that the sowme of ane thousand merkis be vpliftit and borrowit vpone proffeit, and imployit and bestowit in persute and defence in the matters and effairs of the burrowis foirsaidis requyreing grittest deligence and foirsicht; and willis, consentis, and desyres, that the saidis persones of the said burghes of Edinburgh, Dundy, Aberdene, or ony tua of the said burghes coniunctlie, intromet, ressaue, and vplift the said sowme, imploy and bestow the samin proffitabillie for the weill of the haill burrowis in the

effairis foirsaidis, vpone compt to be maid to thame of thair imployment to the haill burrowis accoirding to the meaning of the burghes presentle convenit as saidis, at the nixt generall conventioun, and the saidis persones convenit for thameselfis, and takand the burding vpoun thame for thair said burghes and for the haill burrowis of this realme, obleissis thame to mak guid and thankfull payment of the said principall sowme and proffeit thairof to the persones, lenneris and advanceris of the samyn, at the said nixt generall conventioun of burrowis.

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The samin day, the saidis personis vnderstanding that at the last conventioun of the estaitis, haldin at Halyrudhous, thair is ane new conventioun apointit to be haldin in the said place the xxvij of Merche nixt, quhairin thair is to be intreitit nocht only the matteris quhilk was proponit in the said last conventioun and nocht decydit, bot dyuers vther matteris quhilk may impoirt ane grit preiudice to the estait of burrowis: thairfoir the saidis persones, for thameselffis and takand the burding vpoun thame for thair saidis burghis, ordanes Iames Wynerahame, agent, to direct missiues to the haill burrowis of this realme in convenient tyme, desyreing thame to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructit to the said conventioun quhair euir the samin sall happin to be haldin, with power to geve thair consultatioun and concurrance with sic number of burrowis as speciallie sall be wairnit be his maiestie to the said conventioun, vnder the pane of tuentie pundis, and the saidis missuies to be direct vpoun the expenssis of the haill burrowis, quhilk the saidis persones obleissis thame to caus be refoundit to the said Iames.

Agent. Conventioun of Estaitts.

Richard Doby.
William Maull.
Thomas Fyscher.
Andro Ker.
Walter Cowane.

Iames Adamsone.
A. Ray.
Alexr. Rutherfurd.
Ihone Hacket.
Iames Macken.

EDINBURGH, 11th, 12th, 14th February 1600.

In the Perticuler Conventioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at Edinbrugh the ellevint day of Februare I^m sax hundreth zeiris, be the Commissioneris of the burghes vnderwrittin, as thay that war warnit be ane missave direct frome Iames Wynerahame, agent, at command of the burch of Edinbrugh, for intreiting and deilling with his Maiestie for taking away of the contraversie movit anent the payment of thair burrow maillis in sterling money or valour thairof, Compeirit the persouns vnderwrittin and producet thair commissiones as followis, to wit:—

Edinburgh, Williame Maull, bailzie, Patrik Sandilands; Perthe, William Robertsone, Robert Lethame; Dundie, Iohnne Fyndlasoun; Aberdene, Maister Iohnne Cheyne, Maister Robert Mar; Lynlythgow, Andro Ker; Sterling, Archibald Allane; Lanerk, Iohnne Broun; Forfar, Iohnne Traill; Montrois, William Barclay.

xij Februarij, 1600.

Moderatour.

The same day, the saidis commissioneris electit and constitute Maister Iohnne Cheyne of Pitphiechie, commissioner for Aberdene, moderatour, during the tyme of this present conventioun, quha compeirand acceptit the samin.

Burrow mailles.

The samin day, findis guid to confer with my lord president, provost of Edinburgh, to knaw of his lordschip the kingis maiesties will and dyet for intreiting and confering vpoun the matter aboue mentionet, and apointis to convene and meit agane vpoun Thurisday nixt.

xiiij Februarij I^m vj^c.

Commissio.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis vnderstanding be my lord

proveist that his maiestie had depute certane commissioneris, to wit, my lord Chanceller, my lord President, my lord Aduocat, my lord Collectour, and my lord Comptroller, to meit and confer with thame, thairfoir findis expedient that thai sall confer with the saidis commissioners at eftir none, and meit agane amangis thame selffis the moirne eftir the sermone.

EDINBURGH, 14th, 15th, 16th February 1600.

Kings Commissioners.

Decimo quinto Februarij I^m vj^c.

The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris being convenit, efter the conference had with his maiesties commissioners, findis it meitest for thair awin weillis to deill particulerlie with his maiestie apairt in this matter, and to that effect apointit Williame Maull, bailzie of Edinburgh, and Maister Iohnne Cheyne, to pas to his maiestie, and continewis thair non meiting agane quhill the moirne at efter none.

xvj Februarij j^m vj^c.

The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris, efter dyuers conferences had with his maiestie and his maiesteis commissioners, vpoun this present matter of thair burrow maillis, and payment thairof in the sterling money, mentionet in their infeftmentis, or valour thairof, vnderstanding that his maiestie wald be at ane speciall offer of sowmes of money vpone securitie to be maid to the saidis burrowis, findis thame selffis, be ressone of the smalnes of thair number and want of sufficient commissioun and power, vnhaible to effectuat any thing in this matter at this present, and seing that his maiestie hes willinglie accoirdet to gif thame ane schorte day to be advyset thairupone, thairfoir thay ordane missiues to be direct in thair names to the burrowis vnderwrittin, (quha hes speciall intreis in this matter,) desyreing thame to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instrucit with ampel power and commissioun to convene at Edinburgh the thrid day of Merche nixtocum, to intreit, ressone, and conclude in the said matter, and in speciall to compone and agrie with his maiestie for taking away of the said contraversie, and obtening sufficient securitie that thay sall pay na mair for thair burrow maillis in tyme cuming nor thay haif bene in vse to pay thir zeiris

Burrow mailles.

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bygane, as sall be thocht meitest be the maist pairt of the commissioners convenit, and to tak ordour for payment to his maiestie in present siluer of the sowmes that sall be agreit vpoun for the said securitie. Followis the names of the saidis burrowis: Edinburgh, Perthe, Dundy, Aberdene, Sterling, Lynlythgow, Glasgow, Sanctandrois, Dysert, Air, Haldingtoun, Kirkcaldy, Montrois, Couper, Dumfreis, Brechyn, Irwing, Elgyn, Wigtoun, Dumfermeling, Dunbarten, Renfrow, Lanerk, Peiblis, Carraill, Kingorne, Selkirk, Dumbar, Banf, Forfer, Forres, Lauder, Innerkething, vnder the pane of tuentie pund to be payit to the agent in name of the burrowis be ilk burgh failzeand to send thair commissioner, and this directioun of the missiues to be vpone the expenssis of the haill burrowis.

William Maull, bailze.	Rot. Lethame.
Mr Ihn. Cheyne of Petphichie.	I. Traill.
Io. Findlasoun.	Iohne Broun.
William Robertsone.	William Barclay.

Edinburgh, 3d March 1600.

In the Particular Conventioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Edinbrugh the thrid day of Merche j^m sex hundreth zeiris, be the Commissioneris of the Brughis vnderwrittin, as thai war warneit be ane missiue direct fra Iames Wynrahame, agent, be wertew of ane act maid the saxtene day of Februar last, for treiting and deilling with his Maieste for taking away of the contrauersie mowit anent the burrow maleis in sterling money or the awaill thairof: Comperit the persouns vnderwrittin and producet thair commissiouns for halding of this present Conwentioun: that is to say:

EDINBRUGH, William Maull, baillie, Patrik Sandelands, tailzeour; Perthe, Androw Ray; Dundy, Iohne Schewan; Aberdeyne, Maister Iohne Cheyne,

Maister Robert Mar; Stirling, Archbald Alane zounger; Lynlythgow, Androw Ker; Glasgow, Iames Tempill; Sanctandrois, Maister William Weymis; Dysart, Maister Iohne Weymis; Air, Iohne Loikart; Hadingtoun, Iames Kirkwad elder; Kirkcaldy, Alexander Dalzell; Montrose, William Barklay; Cowper, Dauid Andersoun; Irewin, Iohne Russell; Dumferling, William Pratus; Lanerik, Gawin Loikart; Peblis, Gawin Thomesoun; Craill, Iohne Dowglas; Kingorne, Iohne Reid; Selkirk, producit ane ratefecatioun be Iames Wynrahame; Forfar, Androw Hunter; Lawder, Alexander Wilkesoun; Innerkeithing, Hare Duncane; Breichin, ratefecatioun producit be Iames Wynrahame; Renfrow, William Somerwell. EDINBURGH, 3d, 4th, 6th March 1600.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris forsaidis electit and constitute Maister Iohne Cheyne, commissioner for the brugh of Aberdene, thair moderatour during this conwentioun, quha comperand acceptit the samyn. Moderatour.

Quarto Martij millesimo sextentesimo.

The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris being convenit, appointis the commissioneris of the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perthe, Aberdeyne, to pas to his maiestie and confer with his maiestie anent this mater of the burrow maleis, and to report to them agane his maiesties mynd at thair nixt meitting, quhilk thai haue appointit to be the morne at ten houris in the littil kirk. Burrow mailes.

Sexto Martij 1600.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis, vnderstanding be the commissioneris of Edinbrugh, Perthe, and Aberdeyne, quha was derectit to speik his maieste anent this controuerse of the borrow maleis and maner of payment thairof, that thai haue as zit nocht obtenit ane resolute ansuer of his maieste, and becaus it war trubelsum to the haill commissioneris presentlie conwenit to remyne thairupoun, thairfoir thai haue thocht expedient and agreit that the commissioneris of Edinbrugh, Perthe, Dundy, Aberdeyne, sall remayne and insist in the conferrence begune with his maieste quhill Mounday nixt, and desoluis this present conwentioun. Rex. Burrow mailles, Commissio.

The samyn day, Iames Wynraham, agent, haveing weryfeit the lauchfull

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Dunbar, Dunbartane, Dunfreis, vnlawet.

citatioun of the brughis of Dumbar, Dumbartane, and Dumfreis, for sending of commissioneris to this present conwentioun, and hes nocht done the samyn, and thairfoir decernis thame and ilk ane of them in ane vnlaw of xx li., to be payit to the agent, and he to be chairgit thairwith in his comptis.

William Maull, bailzie.	Alexander Dalzell.
Mr Ih. Cheyne.	Mr Iohane Wemis.
Iohnne Schewand.	Ihone Douglas.
Mr William Wemys.	Ihone Reid.
Iohne Lokhart.	Andro Hunter.
William Barclay.	Andro Ker.
Archibald Allane.	Iames Tempill.
Iames Kirkwod.	A. Ray.

Kyngorne.

In the Generall Conwentioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Kinghorne preuento termino, throw occasioun of his Maiestes Conwentioun of the Estaitis, appointit the xx day of Iunij instant, conforme to the missiue direct thairanent the threttene day of Iunij j^m sex hundreth zeiris: Compeirit the Commissioneris of Burrowis vnderwritten, and producit their commissiounis as followis :—

EDINBRUGH, Rodger Maknath, William Symontoun, saidler; Perthe, Iames Adamesoun, deyne of gild, Henre Elder, clerk; Dundy, Iohnne Traill, Iohnne Fynlasoun; Aberdein, Alexander Rutherfuird of Rubislaw, lait provest; Stirling, Archibald Alexander, deyne of gild, Walter Cowane; Lynlythgow, Andrew Ker, clerk; Glasgow, Iames Tempill; Sanctandrois, Maister William Weymis; Dysart, William Carmychall, baillie; Air; Iohne Lockart; Kirkcaldy, Iohnne Hackquett; Mwntrose, Iohnne Gray;

Cowper, Alexander Smyth, baillie; Anstruther Eister, Thomas Watsoun; Dumfries, Iohnne Corsaue, baillie; Breichin, William Ramsay, clerk, Irewin, Archbald George, baillie; Elgyne, Alexander Boyne; Kirkcudbricht, Iohnne Mekill; Wigtoun, Archibald Tailzepher; Pittinweyme, Iohnne Cossar, clerk; Dumferling, William Pratus; Dumbartane, Thomas Fallisdaill; Arbroth, Alexander Wod; Renfrow, be thair exemptioun producit be Rossay; Lanerik, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Edinbrugh; Brunteland, Maister Androw Wilsoun, clerk; Peblis, be their exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be agent; Craill, Iohn Makesoun, clerk; Kinghorne, Iohnne Kirkcaldy, Iames Bosuell, baillie; Selkirk, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be the agent; Anstruther Wester, Androw Meluill; Culros, Iohnne Forret, clerk; Dumbar, Maister Alexander Kellie, clerk; Banff, Alexander Currour; Forfar, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Breichin; Rossay, Mathew Spens; Forres, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Elgyne; Ruglein, Dauid Spens; Northberuik, Robert Lawder; Culane, Iames Lawty; Narne, be thair exemptioun and commissioun producit be Elgyne; Lawder, Iames Lawder; Innerkeything, George Durie, clerk; Kilrany, Iohnne Anstruther.

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1. The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowis being convenit, findis the lauchfull citatioun of the haill burrowis sufficientle weryfeit be Androw Brown, comoun clerk, Thomas Fendar delyuerer of the missiues vpoun the south syde, and be Henry Spens, ane of the officeris of this brugh, vpoun the north syde.

Citatioun of the burrowis.

2. The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis electit, creatt, and constitute Iohnne Kirkcaldy, burges of this brugh and first in the commissioun thairof, moderatour during the tyme of this thair conwentioun.

Electioun of the Moderatour.

3. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis appointis the houris of thair conwentioun to begyn at viij houris in the morneing and to contenew quhill tuelf houris, and fra tua houris efternone quhill sex houris at evin, and ane bell to ring for the space of ane quarter of ane hour preceiding the houris foirsaidis, and the persoun quha sall happin to be absent at the ceissing of the bell and calling of the rollis to pay ane vnlaw of v s., and siclyk that na persoun sall speik without licence of the moderatour, nor vtherwayis mixt voiting with ressoneing, vnder the said pane.

Houris of conventioun.

4. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris decernis the brughis of Jedbrugh, In-

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nernes, Thane, vnlawet. Chairge Agent.

Iedbrugh, Innernes, Thane, and ilk ane of thame, in ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis for thair non compeirance to this conwentioun, being lauchfule warneit thairto, and ordanis the saidis soumeis to be vpliftit be Iames Wynraham thair agent, quhairwith he is to be chairgit in his comptis.

Regratouris, foirstalleris, owtlandis burgessis, sailleris without tiketis. Missiue.

5. The samyn day, anent the mater of the foirstalleris, regratouris, sailleris without tikettis, mentionat in the viij act of the last conwentioun haldin at Lynlythgow, ordanis ilk brugh, zit as of before, to schaw and produce in writt to the nixt generall conwentioun thair exact delegence in restraining and pvnisching thair outlandis burgessis, sailleris without tikettis, and skipperis ressauearis of thame, and of the regratouris and foirstalleris within thair liberteis, vnder the pane of vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis to be payit to the saidis burrowis, and ilk brugh to controll ane vther heir-vpoun at the nixt conwentioun, and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Rossay, Maknath, Chairge Agent.

6. The samyn day, decernis the brugh of Rossay in ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis for non payment of thair pairtis of the burrowis taxatiouns of the wyneis, and Adame Foullertoun, to Rodger Maknath collectour thairof, extending to the soume of , prouyding awayis that gif Mathow Spens, thair present commissioner, mak payment thairof to the said Rodger betuixt and Mertymes nixt, thai to be fre of the said vnlaw, and the said Mathow compeirand actit and obleist him selff for payment thairoff at the said terme to the said Rodger.

Intimatioun of the act anent directioun of commissioneris.

7. The samyn day, anent the act of burrowis maid concerneing the electioun of commissioneris of parliament and conwentiounis of estaittis and burrowis, mentionat in the alewint act of the last conwentioun, the commissioneris of the brughis of Dundy, Anstruther Eister, Wigtoun, maid faith and declairit that the said act was intimit to thair magistrattis and counsall be thair former commissioneris, and the brughis of Irewin, Dumferling, Arbroth, producitt attestatioun in writt thairvpoun for thair partis.

Dumbar. Missiue.

8. The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Dumbar to be warneit be the nixt generall missiue to the nixt generall conwentioun to send thair commissioneris sufficientle instrucit to ansuer to the complaint of Iames Wynraham, agent, for contrauening the act of burrowis maid anent the sending of commissioneris to parliament, conwentiouns of estaitis, and burrowis, in sa far as at the conwentioun of the estaitis baldin at Perthe in last thay directit William Lawder thair commissioner to the said conwentioun, quha nocht onle was nocht of the qualiteis mentionat in the

said act, bot als be his woitt direcle oponnit him to the rest of the commissioneris, and thairfoir to heir and se thame decernit in ane vnlaw of xl li., or ellis to alledge ane ressonabill caus in the contrair, with certificatioun thai salbe decernit thairin and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue, and the present commissioner to tak the extract of this act to schaw to thair magistrattis that thai pretend na ignorance.

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9. The samyn day, anent the mater of the transporting of woll furth of the realm, mentionat in the xviij act of the last conwentioun, compeirit the commissioneris of Edinbrugh, for thair delegence producit ane aduocatioun of the lordis of Cheker of thair actioun aganis thair nichtbouris for transporting of woll furth of the realm, as lykwayis producit ane instrument quhair it was fund be awyse of men of law that it wauld be hurtfull to the burrowis to insist in the said aduocatioun; with the quhilkis the saidis commissioneris being awysit, findis, nochtwithstanding the samyn, it is necessar for the weill of the burrowis to insist in the said matter, and thairfoir ordanis Iames Wynram, agent, to caus the burrowis quha sall conweyne at Edinbrugh with the estaitis, the xx of this instant, to gif in ane supplicatioun for restraining of the said woll, and obtene the act of conwentioun thairvpoun dischargeing the comptroller and all vtheris for gewing licence or dispensatioun, and also ordanis that the brugh of Edinbrugh and all vther brughis quhome it effeiris to trauell with thair nichtbouris to becum actit of thair awin consentis to decist fra that tred, vpoun conditioun that vnfremen absteyne fra the samyn, and reporte thair delegence to the nixt conventioun heirvpoun, and incais the premissis tak na effect that the said brugh of Edinbrugh insist with the Cheker for obteneing the said aduocatioun discussit, and Rodger Maknath and William Symontoun, saidler, commissioneris for Edinbrugh, dissentit heirto; and the lyk ordor to be done for restraining of the burnecoll.

Woll. Edinbrugh Burnecoll. Agent. Missiue.

10. The samyn day, anent the fourte foure act of the last conventioun of burrowis, quhilk was also ane heid of the generall missiue, be the quhilk it is ordanit that ilk brugh sould send thair resolutioun and opinioun gif the actis maid or to be maid be ony brugh for stopping thair nichtbouris conburgessis to sell thair wairis to fremen of vtheris burrowis before offer first maid to thair awin conburgessis may be preiudiciall to the liberteis and commoun weill of burrowis or nocht, the saidis commissioneris be thair moniest voittis, efter lang ressoneing findis that ilk burges of ane fre brugh

Anent wayris selling be burges to burges. Statute.

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may sell his wairis to fremen of burrowis at his plesour without ony offer maid to his conburges, and thairfoir the saidis actis, giff ony be, to be verray preiudiciall to thair commoun libertie.

Decimo quarto Iunij millesimo sextentesimo.

Dumfreis. Irewin. Missiue.

11. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris being conwenit, anent the mater of the brugh of Dumfreis and Irewin, craweing support to thair decayit brugh throw the lait pest and suddane fyre, conforme to the fourtie ane act of the last conwentioun, contenewis the samyn to the nixt generall conwentioun, and ordanis ilk brugh to cum sufficientle instructit to gif ansuer thairto, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Aberdeyne contra Banff.

12. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh off Aberdein contra Banff mentionat in the general missiue and [14] act of the last conwentioun, Alexander Rutherfuird commissioner for the brugh of Aberdein, and Alexander Currour commissioner for the brugh of Banff, being baith personale present, ordanis, with consent of baith the saidis commissioneris, that the brugh of Banfe sall gif in to the brugh of Aberdein ane sufficient attestatioun in writt of thair outlandis burgessis that are depryuet of thair liberteis or ellis returnet and making residence within the said brugh, this to be done betuixt and the first day of August nixt, vnder the pane of ane hundreth pundis to be payit to the burrowis incais thai failze.

Culross contra Stirling.

13. The samyn day, anent the actioun and complaint of the burgh of Culros contra Sterling mentionat in the generall missiue, and [15] act of the last conventioun, Johne Forret, commissioner for Culros, and Walter Cowane, commissioner for Sterling, being personale present, the said Walter Cowane producit the reporte cloissit of the witnessis producit and exemenat before the brugh of Lynlythgow for prewing of thair exceptioun, quhilk being oppinit, red, and considerit, the saidis commissioneris fand Johnne Crawfurd, customer of Sterling, nocht to be ressauit as witnes inrespect of the declaratioun of the said Walter Cowane that he was thair present customer, and findis Stewin Richie and his depositioun to be ressuit nochtwithstanding the alegeance contenit in the said reporte.

Culros contra Stirling.

14. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Culross aganis the brugh of Sterling for taking of custome of thame, being ane fre brugh,

at the brig of Sterling, viz., twa penneis of the laid, and of vther small burdingis *pro rato,* as is mentionat in dyuerssis actis of burrowis maid thairanent of before, Iohnne Forrett commissioner for the brugh of Culros, Walter Cowane commissioner for the brugh of Sterling, being baith personale present, thair ressouns and alegeanceis hard and considerit with the probatioun led and deducit thairanent: KINGHORN, 14th June 1600.

15. The saidis commissioneris of burrowis assoilyeis the said brugh of Sterling fra the said complaint and decernis thame quyte thairfra sympliciter in all tymeis cumming, because it was exceptit and alegeit peremtorle be the said brugh of Sterling that thai haid guid richt to the said custome and hes bene in vse and possessioun in vplifting thairof, nocht onle of the said brugh bot of the brugh of Perthe and all vther fre burrowis quhais guidis cumis alangis the said brig, past memore of man, quhilk exceptioun being admitit to thair probatioun thay prewit the samyn sufficientle as effeirit, and neuirtheles, of consent of the said commissioner of Sterling decernis, the said brugh of Culros to be als fre of customeis and vther dewteis at the said brig and brugh of Sterling as the brugh of Perth or ony vther fre brugh is, and to pay at the said brig ane penny for the burding and twa penneis for the hors and the laid, as vther fre burrowis payis.

16. The samyn day, ordanis the brughis of Anstruther Eister, Dysart, and Kirkcaldy, to obserwe and keip the 12 act maid at Aberdein concerning the watter mettis, and conforme thame selffis thairto in bying and selling of forane vittuall with the said watter mett, conteneing auchtene peckis, and na vtheris, conforme to the practeis of the brughis of Edinbrugh, Dundy, and Aberdein, and that thai produce attestatioun in writ thairvpoun at the nixt generall conwentioun vnder the pane of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Met tis, mesouris Missiue. Dysart, Anstruther, Kirkcaldy.

17. The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Dysart to rais lettres vpoun the actis of parliament maid aganis transporting of burne coll furth of the realm againis thair nichtbouris and all vtheris contrauenaris thairof within thair liberte, and put the samyn to dew executioun and reporte thair delegence thairvpoun or suspensioun to the nixt generall conventioun, vnder the pane of tua hundreth pundis money, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue, and to tak forder ordour with thair nichtbouris in pvnisching and depryueing of thame that transportis the samyn or purchessis licence thairto, and to reporte the lyk delegence vnder the said pane. Dysart, burnecoill. Missiue.

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Air. Missiue.

18. The samyn day, compeirit Iohn Lokart, commissioner for the brugh of Air, and producit ane decret of the lordis of Sessioun, obtenit be them aganis the inhabitantis of Mayboyill, vsurpeand the liberteis of ane fre bruch, as the said decreit of the dait the day of Iulij 1599 [beris], quhilk being red and considerit with the act of burrowis maid at Lynlythgow, be the quhilk the saidis burrowis promitit to beir burding with thame in persuite of the said actioun, as the said act at mair lenth proportis, and siclyk producit ane compt of the expenseis maid in the said actioun, in consideratioun quhairof the saidis burrowis grantis and gewis to the said brugh the soume of one hundreth pundis, to be payit be the haill burrowis according to the extent roll, in full contentatioun of the said compt and act, and ordanis ilk brugh to send thair pairt thairof at the nixt generall conwentioun with thair commissioner, vnder the pane of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Innerness. Thayne. Precept. Agent.

19. The samyn day, in consideratioun of the lettre of ratefecatioun producit be the brugh of Perth for Innernes, and of the commissioun producit be Iames Wynram in name of the brugh of Thane, and of the far distant of the place and trublis in the hieland, sufficientle knawin to the said commissioneris, and for guid caussis and consideratiouns moweing thame, dispensis with thair saidis vnlawis quhilk thai war vnlawet for this present conventioun.

Culane. Chairge agent.

20. The samyn day, remitis and dischargeis to the brugh of Culane all bygane vnlawis and other someis quhairin thai stand detfull to the saidis burrowis for quhatsumewir caus preceiding the dait heirof, Iames Lawtie thair commissioner making payment to Iames Wynram, agent, of the soume of sex pundis aucht schillingis before his depairture, quhilk he deburssset vpoun chairgeing of them to mak payment of thair saidis vnlawis, vtherwayis his vnlawis to stand as gif thai haid nocht been dischairgeit.

Exemptiouns. Rosay, Lawder, Kilrany, Bamff, Anstruther Wester, Kirkcudbricht, Irewyne, Ruglein, Wigtoun, Dumfreis, Culane, North Beruik, Dumbartane.

21. The samyn day, hes exemit and be thir presentis exemis the burrows vnderwrittin fra all conwentiouns generall for the space of thre zeiris, to wit :—Rosay, Lawder, Kilrany, Banf, Anstruther Wester, Kirkcudbricht, Irewin, Ruglein, Wigtoun, and the brugh of Dumfreis be north Forth, and the brugh of Breichin be south Forth, Culane, Northberwick, Dumbartane, prouyding thai send to ilk conwentioun generall, with the commissioner of the nixt brugh quhilk is nocht exemit, thair autentik lettre of ratefecatioun of all thingis to be done in the said conwentioun,

togidder with all soumeis that thai sall happin to be restand awand to the burrowis for the clerk and agent feyis or ony vther caus, vtherwayis to be vnlawit as absentis, and als thir presentis nocht to be extendit to the caisis quhair thai are warnet to ansuer at the instance of ony particular brugh or pairtie, and the expenssis quhilk thair commissioner micht haue cost them be bestowit vpon thair brigis, herbereis, tolbuithis, kirkis, or ony vther maist necessar comoun warkis, and compt to be gewin to the burrowis thairof at the end of their said exemptioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., as lykwayis that thai send with thair said lettre of ratefecatioun the rowping of thair comoun landis and ryding of merches, vnder the said pane. KINGHORN, 14th June 1600.

22. The samyn day, for dyuerssis caussis and considerationns moweing thame, remitis and dischargis to the brugh of Aberdein thair vnlaw of tuentie pundis quhilk thai incurrit at the particular convention haldin in Edinbrugh the thrid day of August last, anent the matter of William Hunter desyring to be placit conseruatour in Ingland, and ordanis the samyn to be dischargit to Iames Wynram, agent, in his comptis. Abirdeyne. Precept agent.

23. The samyn day, granttis and gewis licence to the brughis of Dumbar, Northberwick, Sanctandrois, to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of the impost following, for the space of five zeiris nixt following the dait thairoff, to the reparatioun of thair decayit herbereis, that is to say, of ilk last hering arryuing within thair herbereis fywe schillingis; of ilk tun wyne fyve shillingis; ilk chalder salt twa schillingis; ilk last taikill fywe schillingis; ilk last lynt fywe schillingis; ilk last hemp thre s.; ilk last oyle sax schillingis aucht penneis; ilk chalder vittuall passand afe the cuntrey sex schilings aucht penneis, and remaning within the cuntrey xxxij d.; ilk last pik or tar thre s.; ilk thousand salt fische sex schillingis aucht penneis; ilk thousand dry fische four schillingis; item of ilk hundreth of all kynd tymer ane; prouyiding awayis that the said brugh bestow the said impost vpoun reparatioun of their herbereis, mak compt to the burrowis thairof at the expyreing of thair said licence, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., to be payit to the burrowis; and the commissioner of Cowper disscentit to the impost granted to Sanctandrois, and thairvpon askit instrumentis. Impost. Dumbar, Northbervik, Sanctandrois.

24. The samyn day, after lang ressoning vpoun the estait of their commoun affairis concerning the estait of the natioun resortand to the stapill Campheir. Excyse beir and wyne. Missiue.

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of Campheir in Zeland, findis them gritle preiudgeit be thair awin negligence and owirsicht in wanting ane minister and kirk within the said toun for exerceis of the word and discipline, and that the excyse beir and wyne grantit to the natioun is abusit be the factouris, and maid vnprofitabill to the natioun and hurtfull to the said toun granter thairof, for remeid of the quhilkis abusis it is thocht expedient to grant and gif, lykas be thir presentis grantis and gewis thair full powir and commissioun to the commissioners of burrowis quha sall happin to conweyne at his maiesteis conwentioun of the estaitis the xx day of Iunij instant, or ony aucht of them, to sit, conweyne, consult, and deliberat vpoun the said mater of ane minister, and excyse beir and wyne, and to conclude and tak ordour thairanent in tymeis coming, with speciall powir to prouyde the said minister his stipend, kirk, and duelling; and be thair commissioneris to be direct in thair nameis and in name of the haill burrowis, vnder the attestatioun of the brugh of Edinbrugh, to intreat and conclude with the toun of Campheir for conwerting of the said excyse beir and wyne, or samekill thairof as sallbe fund neidfull, to the sustentatioun and provisioun of the said minister and to vther mair profitabill vses of the natioun, as thai sall think expedient, *promittentes de rato*, and thai to report thair delegence vpoun the execution heirof to the nixt generall conventioun, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Statute. Rowpping of commoun guid. Merches perambuling. Commoun seill. Deyne of gild. Missiue.

25. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris being conwenit, anent the rowpping of commoun guidis and perambulating of mercheis within brugh, findis expedient, statutis and ordanis, that the ordour following be obseruit and keipit be ilk brugh in tyme cuming, to witt, that the samyn nor na pairt thairof be set for few or many zeiris to the prowest, bailleis, deyne of gild, thesaurer, clerk, or seriand of the brugh, induring thair officeis, and that thai be nocht takismen, pertiners nor cautioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis, to be payit to the burrowis be the brugh contraweneand, *totius quotiis*. ITEM, that in the zeirle reporte to be maid to the burrowis ilk brugh be mair speciall quhat landis, customeis, and vther thair commoun guidis rowpeabill, beis rowppit, to quhome the samyn is rowppit, quhat office of brugh the taker beiris, quha is the cautioun; and the samyn to be rowppit and sett to the vtter awaill; and findis it nocht requisite to gif vp particular soumeis quhairfoir the samyn is rowppit, it being awayis set to the

vtter awaill. ITEM, that ewere brugh sall peramble thair mercheis ewerie zeir before the generall conwentioun of burrowis, and that to be reportit be thame to the samyn conwentioun, notwithstanding of quhatsumewir vther appropriat day ony brugh hes of auld custome. ITEM, that the comoun and principall seill of ilk brugh be in all tyme cuming put and keipit in their comoun kist, and na particular office beirer to haue the keiping of the samyn, and that na liberty nor ewident be seillit with the said commoun seill bot in presens of the counsale, within thair counsalhous, vpoun ane speciall conweyneing day, vnder the pane of xx li., to be payit to the burrowis be the brugh contraweneand, *totius quotiis.* ITEM, that na brugh elect or cheis in tyme cuming ony persoun to be thair deyne of gild without he be ane merchand traffickquand, and habill to discus vpoun merchand billis and merchand caussis, vnder the pane of j^c li., to be payit to the burrowis be the brugh constraueneand, *totius quotiis,* as said is; and that ilk commissioner present intemy this present act to thair brugh, and ilk brugh to make report at the nixt conwentioun of the rowpping and setting of thair commoun guid and commoun landis and perambulating of thair mercheis in maner foirsaid, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

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26. The samyn day, vnderstanding that the brugh of Kinghorne and ferre thairof, being of grit antequite the space of thir sex hundreth zeiris or thairby, is now laitle hewele trublit and hurt be the skaffis, skeldrykis, and zowis, of vnfre touns of Leith vpoun the north side of the brig, and of Newhewin, quha ar nocht onle hurtfull to the said brugh and the rest of the fre touns and ferryis nixt adiacent to them, bot also perrillous and daingerous to all our souerane lordis liedgeis, quhairof sindrie hes haid experience, sua that within thre zeris hes tynt and perrischit in thair defalt and negligence the nvmber of fifte persouns or thairby, for the quhilk caus the saidis commissioneris of burrowis grantis and gewis liberte and licence to the said brugh of Kinghorne to obtene and purches of our souerane lord, and foure estaitis of this realm, ane gift of licence and liberty to inhibite and discharge, stop and impeid, the saidis skaffis, skeldrykeis, and zowis, to transporte ony passingeris to or fra the shoreis of this pairt of the firth of Forthe in sic weschellis, nor na vtheris bot in sic boittis as ar abill at the leist to transporte foure hors, by passingeris effeirand thairto; and gif thai do, that it salbe lesum to the provest [and] bailles of Edinbrugh and thair deputis, vpoun

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the southe syd of Leith, and by the prowest and bailleis of Kinghorne and Brunteland on the north, to mell with the saidis skaffis, skeldrykeis, and zowis, brek and distroy the samyn, and vtherwayis to incarcerat and waird the awneris and boitmen thairof, in sic forme and maner as salbe grantit be his maiestie and estaitis foirsaid; and als, for manteyneing of the liberty of the said brugh of Kinghorne, to obtene ane gift and commissioun to inhibite and discharge, stop and impeid, the inhabitantis of the vnfre toun of Leith upoun the north syde of the brig, and Newhewin, and thair boittis to schip or transporte ony of our souerane lordis liedgeis ather vpoun the north or south schoiris, sua lang as thair is ane boitt of Kinghorne, Brunteland, or south syde of the brig of Leith, reddy and willing to serue our souerane lordis liedgeis, vnder sic painis as may be grantit be our souerane lord and estaittis foirsaid.

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Clerk of Lynlythgow.

27. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, haiffing consideratioun of the guid and stedabill serwiceis and officeis done be Androw Ker, clerk and commissioner for the brugh of Lynlythgow, nocht onle to the commoun estait of burrowis at thair conwentiouns generall and particular, be his laubouris, concurrence, guid awyse, and counsall, bot also to the commoun weill of the said brugh of Lynlythgow to the awancement of thair effairis, throw the quhilk thay being mowit to be benefeciall to him in prouyding him and his soneis, *ad vitam*, successiue, to the office of commoun clerkship within the said brugh, thairfoir thai be thir presentis ratefeis and apprewis the said gift and prouisioun to the said office in maner foirsaid, nochtwithstanding the act of burrowis maid in the contrair at the conwentioun in Dysart in anno 1593, dispensand with the samyn in that pairt and penultie thairin contenit, quhilk thai remit and dischargeis to the said brugh of Lynlythgow for the caus foirsaid.

Commissio Fyschear.

28. The samyn day, gewis powir and commissioun to the commissioneris of burrowis, quha sall conweyne at Edinbrugh to the conwentioun of the estaittis the xx day of Iunij instant, or ony aucht of them conweyneand, to heir and fute the comptis of Thomas Fischer, ane of the bailleis of Edinbrugh, of his intromissioun be him self, baith in Scotland and France,

with the impost grantit be the burrowis for payment of his expenssis in doungetting of certane customeis in France, with speciall powir to thame to tak sic ordour for his payment in tyme cuming as thai sall think expedient; and Alexander Rutherfuird, commissioner for the brugh of Aberdein, in name of his said brugh dissentit to the vptaking of ony impost in France vpoun thair salmond, alsweill for byganeis as in tymeis cuming, inrespect thair said salmond importis na commodite be the doungetting of the saidis customeis. KINGHORN 16th June 1600

29. The samyn day, Rodger Maknacht, commissioner for Edinbrugh, producit the lettre missiue, vnderwrittin direct from his maiestie, of the quhilk the tenour followis:—Trusty freindis we greit zow hertle weill: Seing it is set doun be our lawis and actis of parliament that all our subiectis, alsweill to brugh and land, salbe sufficientle furneist and prouydit with sic airmour as the samyn prescryues, and that ze have takin vpoun zour selffis to se zour awin inhabitantis sufficientle furneist with airmour according to our saidis actis, we have thocht guid for the samyn effect to desyre zow to set doun be act of zour present conwentioun that the burgessis and inhabitantis of euerie ane of our grit burrowis, sic as Edinbrugh, Glasgow, Perthe, Dundy, salbe delt in foure quarteris, and euere quarter to mak thair mwsteris monethle vpoun the first Monday thairof, and the rest of the smaller burrowis to mak thair mwsteris, haillele, monethle, vpoun the first Monday of the moneth, that thair airmour may be notit and sene to be in reddynes; as lykwayis that ordour be gewin that thai exerceis thair saidis airmour than be schuiting at markis, and all vtherwayis for thair better experience, seing that it is vncertane how sone the occasioun presentis that thai may have ado, quhilk we wishe nocht samekle to be done for the knawlege of thair numberis as that thair airmour may be haldin ticht and fund in ane reddynes quhen the occasioun sall requyre; sua luiking for zour conformite heirto we commit zow to God from Halyrudhouse the xv Iunij 1600. *Et sic subscribitur*, IAMES REX. Quhilk being red and considerit be the saidis commissioneris, thai ordanit that ilk brugh sould mak thair mwsteris moneth[le] conforme to the said lettre in all pointis, and exerceis thair armis in maner thairin contenit, as thai will answer to his maiestie vpoun thair obedience, and that ilk commissioner to intemy the samyn to his brugh at his returneing hame. Rex mwsteris monethle in brugh.

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Sanchquhar inrollit ane fre brugh.

30. The samyn day, comperit Ihone Creychtoun and Robert Phillop, induellaris in the toun of Sanquhar, and gawe in thair supplicatioun desyring the said toun to be inrollit and admitit in the societie and number of fre burrowis as ane brugh regall, and offerit thair concurrence in all thingis with the rest of the burrowis and obedience to the lawis thairof, and producit the erectioun of thair said toun be our souerane lord in ane fre brugh regall, to be haldin of our souerane lord and his successouris in fre burgage, for payment of fyve pundis of borrow male, as at mair lenthe is contenit in the said erectioun vnder his maiesteis Grit Seill, daitit at Falkland the xviij day of August 1598, quhilk being red in oppin awdience of the saidis commissioneris and considerit be thame, thay be thir presentis INROLLIS and ADMITTIS the said toun of Sanquhar in ane fre brugh regall, nvmber and societie thairof, conforme to his maiesteis erectioun, and ordanis the saidis persouns to caus thair said brugh send thair commissioneris sufficientle instrucit to the next conventioun generall, with speciall powir to ratefy and approwe the lawis and constitutiouns of the conwentioun of burrowis, with thair promeis to fulfill and obey the samyn, beir burding with the burrowis in all thair commoun effairis, concur, fortefe, and assist them in manteyneing the liberte and preueledgeis of fre burrowis according to thair powir, and to keip thair couventioun generall and particular as thai salbe warnet thairto, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue; quhairof thai ordane ane copy thairoff to be send to the said brugh for keiping and halding the said conwentioun generall, and Rodger Maknacht become souerty for the said John Creychtoun and Robert Phillop that thai sall reporte to the nixt conventioun generall the consent of the said brugh to the premessis, and of thair suite to thair inrollment, vnder the pane of xx li.

Dysart, election, maiestratis. Missiue.

31. The samyn day, William Carmychall, commissioner of Dysart, producit the forme of the electioun of thair magistrattis at Mychalmes last, quhilk being considerit, findis thai haue nocht done al thingis requisite conforme to the lawis of burrowis, and neuirtheles dispensis with the imperfectiouns thairoff, vpoun conditioun that thai sall produce farther delegence to the nixt conwentioun in conformeing of thair electioun to the actis of burrowis in all thingis, vnder the pane of j^{c} li., and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Dumbartane. Missiue.

32. The samyn day, findis the brugh of Dumbartane nocht to haue pro-

ducit sufficient attestatioun of the rowpping and setting of thair commoun guid to the vtter awaill, and thairfoir to haue incurrit the pane and vnlaw of tuenty pundis, and zit, for dyuerssis caussis moweing thame, dispenssis with the said vnlaw, and vnderstanding that the said brugh hes dyuerssis comoun landis quhilkis ar nocht nor hes nocht bene put to the vtter awaill, speciale thair comoun mwre, nochtwithstanding the affirmatioun of Thomas Fallisdaill thair commissioner, thairfoir thai ordane the said brugh to produce or send to the nixt generall conwentioun ane mair sufficient attestatioun in writt of the rowpeing and setting of thair commoun guid and commoun landis and perambulating of thair mercheis, according to the actis of burrowis set doun thairanent, and speciale of thair said comoun mwre, quhilk gif it sall happin them to set in few that the samyn be rowppit thre seuerall dayis and sett to fremen, inhabitantis of the said brugh, beiring all maner of burding within the samyn, quha will gif maist thairfoir, and to na vtheris, and to reporte or send in writt thair delegence heirvpoun vnder the pane of tua hundreth pundis to be payit to the burrowis be the said brugh incais thai failze, reserwand awayis to the commoun vse of brugh licence of querrell, faill, dewat, peitt, truffe, and hedder, and to be ane heid of the missiue. KINGHORN, 16th June 1600.

33. The samyn day, grantis and gewis thair licence and consent to the burrowis vnderwrittin to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of the impost and customeis following at thair brugh, portis and hewin thairof, in maner and vpoun the conditiounis efter specyfeit, that is to say, the brugh of Dundy ane impost of thre schillingis of ilk twn of all guidis arryuand at thair hewin thairof, tua s. to be payit be the gudis and tuelf penneis be the ship, and sklaittis and collis to be fre thairoff, and to indure for the space of fyve zeris nixtocum; and Iames Adamesoun and Henre Eldar, commissioneris for the brugh of Perthe, alegeand that their said brugh is, be decreit of secret counsall, ordanet to be fre of all exactiouns and impostis quhatsumewir, that micht be imposit vpoun them be the inhabitantis of Dundy for vphalding of thair schore, without speciall consent of the inhabitantis of the said brugh of Perthe, thairfoir dissentit to the said impost and protestit that thai micht be fre thairof, as lykwayis the commissioner of Couper dissentit. Impostis Dundy. Protestatio Perthe.

Brunteland ane impost for the space of fyve zeris, according to the licence grantit to thame at the last conwentioun haldin at Brunteland. Brunteland.

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Kinghorne.

Kinghorne, ane impost of all guidis and geir schipit and dischargit at ather of thair herbereis, in sic forme and maner as the brugh of Brunteland hes the samyn grantit to thame, and for the samyn space.

Dysart.

Dysart, ane impost for the space of five zeris of ilk last guds lossit and laidnit at thair herberie thairoff, tuelf penneis the ship and tua s. the gudis,—collis and sklaitis being awayis fre thairof.

Dumfreis.

Dumfreis, ane impost for the space of five zeris, conforme to the act grantit to thame at Kirkcaldy.

Air, Irewin.

Air and Irewin, ane impost for the space of fyve zeris, of ilk twn collis transportit within thair liberteis sex schillingis aucht penneis ; prouyding awayis that the saidis brughis and euerie ane of them bestow the saidis impostis vpoun reparatioun of thair herbereis, and mak compt to the burrowis thairof at the expyreing of thair said licence, vnder the pane of xx li. sua oft as thai or ather of thame sall failze.

Haddingtoun support.

34. The samyn day, the commissioneris of the burrowis following promitit, betuixt and Lambes nixtocum, to returne ansuer to the agent in Edinbrugh anent the support quhilk thai will giff to the brugh of Hadingtoun, brunt with suddane fyre, vizt., Dundy, Glasgow, Sanctandrois, Dysart, Sterling, Montrois, Cowper, Anstruther Eister, Brunteland, Craill, Anstruther Wester ; and as the agent resauis thair ansuer with thair support to direct the samyn to the said brugh of Hadingtoun.

Commissio. Rex. Conventioun at Edinbrugh.

35. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris, haifing consideratioun of the desyre and recomendatioun maid be Maister Iohne Prestoun of Fentoun Barneis, ane of the senatouris of our souerane lordis College of Iustice, and Maister George Young, archedane of Sanctandrois, direcit to thame fra his maiestie, schawand vnto thame the guid will and fauour his maiestie beiris toward the estait of burrowis, and thairfoir recomending vnto thame and desyring thair fauourabill concurrence in his maiesteis wechtie adois in the conwentioun of the estaittis haldin at Edinbrugh the xx day of Iunij instant, gewis thair full powir and commissioun to the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perthe, Dundy, Aberdein, Lynlythgow, Glasgow, Sanctandrois, Dysart, Sterling, Air, Hadingtoun, Cowper, Brunteland, Dumbar, quha hes resauit particular missiueis for halding of the said conwentioun, as also to samony vther commissioneris of burrowis as salbe present at the said conwentioun, for thame and in thair nameis to propone, ressoun, treitt, woit, and conclude with the rest of the estaitis vpoun all materis to be proponit in the said

conwentioun, and inspeciall vpoun the mater concerning his maiesteis suite at Perthe, quhilk was contenewit to the said conwentioun, siclyk and als frele as the haill commissioneris of burrowis micht do them selffis gif thai war all present, and to mak sic generall and particular owertouris for the supplement and fortherance of his maiesteis honorable and wechte adois as may be agreabill to thair estait, that his maieste may vnderstand of the guid affectioun the haill estait of burrowis beiris to his seruice in thair bodyis and guidis, ordaneing thame awayis in voiting in face of the haill estaitis to agre togidder all in ane voitt but variance, conforme to the actis off burrowis maid thairvpoun, vnder the panis thairin contenit; and als ordanis the saidis commissioneris to caus pen and gif sic heidis and artikleis as thai sall fynd neidfull in all materis tending to the awancement and liberteis of the burrowis and commoun weill of the realm, and to insist for obteneing actis of conventioun maid thairvpoun. KINGHORN, 16th June 1600.

The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis efter lang ressoneing vpoun the alteratioun of the taxt roll of burrowis, for dyuerssis guid and wechte consideratiouns moweing thame, findis expedient, agreis and consentis, that the taxt roll set doun and maid at Brunteland stand and contenew in the samyn forme, force, and effect, for the space of thre zeris nixtocum, and that at the outryning thairoff that it be ane heid of the generall missiue for alteratioun thairoff. Alteratioun of the Taxt Roll.

36. The samyn day, ordanis Iames Wynraham agent, of the reddiest of the vnlawis of this conwentioun, to pay to Androw Broun, clerk of this brugh, the soume of fourty pundis, for his painis tane in directioun of the missiueis, and the samyn salbe allowit to him in his comptis, inrespect the missiueis was direcit at tua seuerall tymeis. Precept, agent. Broun.

37. The samyn day, granttis licence to the brugh of Anstruther Eister to impetrat ane impost, for fyve zeiris, of our souerane lord, according to the licence grantit to Craill, prouyding awayis that it salbe lesum to Anstruther Wester to vplift thair awin impost at Anstruther Eister, for the space of ane zeir, and further at the sicht of the burrowis, and to be comptabill zeirle at the generall conventioun, and appointis the brughis of Brunteland, Kinghorne, Kirkcaldy, Dysart, to vyse the herbereis of baith the Ansteris, and reporte to the nixt conventioun, and baith the saidis commissioneris was content. Anstruther Eister. Impost.

38. The saidis commissioneris desertis and dissoluis this present conven- Nixt conwentioun.

KINGHORN, 16th June 1600.

tioun, and appointis thair nixt generall conwentioun to be begun and haldin in the brugh of Sanctandrois, the last day of Iunij j^{m} sex hundreth ane zeiris, with contenewatioun of dayis, and ordanis the commissioner of the said brugh to mak intimatioun heirof to thair magistrattis, and thai to direct missueis as vse is.

Ihone Kirkcaldy, moderatour.
Roger Maknacht.
William Symontoun.
Henrie Elder.
Iames Adamsone, commissioner.
Iohnne Traill.
I. Findlasoun.
Alexander Ruthurfurd.
Mr William Wemys.
Iohne Makesone.
Iohne Corsaw for Pettinweyme.
Iohnne Forrett for Culrois.
Iohne Corsay for Dumfreis.
I. Anstruther for Kilrany.
I. Lauder for Lauder.
Walter Cowane.
Andro Ker.
Iames Tempill for Glesquow.
Ihonne Lokhart.
I. Durie.
Ihone Hacket.
I. Lautie for Cullane.
Archibauld George for Irwin.
Archibald Tailzefeir.
Ro. Lauder for Northberuik.
W. Carmichell.
Thomas Fallusdaill for Dumbartane.
A. Boyne for Elgin.
Alexr. Currour for Banff.
Thomas Watsoun for Anstruther.
Andro Meluell.
Iohnne Mekill.
Alex^{r} Wod.
Williame Pratus for Dunfermling.
Mr Alex^{r} Kellie commissioner for Dumbar.
Iames Kirkwod for Hadingtoun.
An. Wilsone.

In the Particular Conwentioun of Burrowis, begun [and] haldin at Edinbrugh the xviij day of Iunij 1600, *be the Commissioneris vnderwrittin, convenit to his Maiesteis Generall Conventioun of Estaits, appoyntit to be begyn the twenty day of Iunij foresaid, be vertew of the commissioun gevin to the saids Burrowes be the Generall Conventioun of Burrowes haldin at Kinghorne, comperit the saidis Commissioneris as followes: to witt:—* Edinburgh. 18th, 19th June 1600.

EDINBURGH, Ihonn Robertsoun, George Hereott, eldare; Perth, Iames Adamsoun, Henry Eldare; Dundy, Iohnne Traill, Iohne Fynlasoun; Aberdein, Alexander Rutherfuird; Glasgow, Iames Tempill; Sterling, Walter Cowane; Lynlythgow, Androw Ker; Air, Iohnne Lockart; Dumbar, Mr Alexander Kelly; Dumbartane, Thomas Fallisdaill; Northberuik, Robert Lawder; Dysart, William Carmychall; Sanctandrois, Dauid Watsoun; Hadingtoun, Iames Kirkwod; Cowper, Alexander Smyth.

The samyn day, electis, creattis, and constitutis Iohn Robertsoun thair moderatour during this thair conwentioun, quha compeirand acceptit the samyn and gawe his aith in *communi forma.*

xix Iunij 1600.

The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris being conwenit, findis expedient and agreis, that thair be heidis and artikleis pennet and gewin in to this present Conwentioun of the Estaitis vpoun the materis following, and actis of the said conwentioun purchest thairvpoun, to witt: ane artikle for restraning of the woll and burnecoll; Item, ane artikle aganis the wrichtis, masouns, sklatteris,, painteris, spargeneris, within brugh, for remeid of thair abusis; Item, ane artikle agans trublanceis, tuilzeis, and drawing of wapouns, within brugh; Item, ane artikle anent the erectioun and making of ane societe of making of clayth within the realm; Item, ane artikle anent the erectioun of brughis of barronyis with the preueledgeis of fre burrowis. Articles to the parliament.

EDINBURGH, 19th June 1600.

Fyschear, Impost in France.

The samyn day, findis be heiring of the comptis of Thomas Fischer, of the intromissioun be him self and his collectouris of the impost grantit for defraying of the expenssis maid be him in doun getting certane customeis in France, that as zit thair is restand awand to him the soume of aucht hundreth fourtie tua pundis threttene shillingis, the expenssis and trauellis of his factouris and collectouris nocht being comptit; and for payment of the said rest findis expedient and ordanis that he, be him self his saidis factouris and collectouris, contenew in vplifting of the said impost, baith in Scotland and France, quhill the samyn be payit, vpoun compt to be maid to the burrowis of the samyn, with consideratioun to be haid of the want of his money; and ordanis his factouris and collectouris alswell in Scotland as in France to mak him thankfull payment of the soumeis ressauit be thame; and Alexander Rutherfuird, commissioner of Aberdein, dissentit heirto.

Customes of France of guids passand thairto. Edinburgh.

The samyn day, findis that the estait of burrowis is hewelie preiudget in France be the rayssing of the customeis of woll, salmond, hyidis, claith, skynnis, and hering, by the auld ancient custome tane of before of the samyn, passand furth of the realm, and as zit the natioun nocht reponit to thair wontit estait and libertie; for remeid quhairof it is thocht expedient and ordanit, that how sone it sall happin the Duke of Lennex, or ony vther honorabill persoun, to be direct imbassadour be his maieste towardis the partis of France, the brugh of Edinbrugh sall mak aduerteisement ane moneth before his depairting, be thair missiue to be direct be the agent to the brughis of Perthe, Dundy, Aberdein, Glasgow, Sterling, Air, Sanctandrois, Pittinweyme, Craill, or ony vther sey burrowis neidfull, or maist pairt of them, to send thair commissioneris to the said brugh, speciale instructit with powir to nominat and authoreis ane qualyfeit persoun to pas with the said Duke, or ony vther imbassadour, and trauell for doungetting of the saidis customeis, and Edinbrugh to grant him thair attestatioun and powir, with requeistis to the Bishop of Glasgow, or ony persouns neidfull, in his fawouris, for his furtherance, and his expenssis to be payit be ane impost of the guidis according to the impost grantit to Thomas Fischer.

Impost, Dunbartane.

The commissioneris of burrowis presentle conwenit grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Dumbartane to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of the impost following, for the space of sewin zeiris, to be imployit for preseruation of the said brugh fra innvndatioun and distructioun be the

riweris about the samyn, that is to say: of ilk kow, hors, ox, stott, meir, and staig, that cumis within thair liberte and fredome and passis throw the samyn, to quhatsumewir numberis, be the awneris, carrieris or dryweris thairof, to pay to the said brugh for ilk ane thairof aucht penneis: ITEM of ilk merchand cumand to the tua seuerall fairis within the said brugh, the ane the first day of August callit Lambes fair, and the second being vpoun the sewintene day of merche quhilk is callit Patrikmes fair, that keipis buith within the said brugh, tua shillingis sex penneis; ITEM of ilk clayth man, smythis, and vtheris standing vpoun the commoun calsayis of the said brugh, haifing geir to sell, tuelf penneis; ITEM ilk cramer standing vpoun the said calsay sex penneis; ITEM of ilk boitt that hes tymer or barkis passing threw thair riwer to ony merkettis or to the merkettis within the said brugh that thai sall pay at ilk tyme thre s. iiijd.; ITEM of ilk bow of bark sauld in the said merkett sex peneis; ITEM of ilk schip, bark, and crear, cumand from ony forane partis or from the ileis, within the libertie of the said brugh, at ilk tyme, the ship being aboue fiftie twn xiijs. iiijd., the bark being aboue tuenty twn vjs. viijd., the creyar being aboue fye twn thre s. iiijd.; and that to be payit be the awneris or maisteris of the saidis shipis, barkis, and creyaris, quhairof the guidis to pay the tua pairt and the veshell the thrid; ilk kowpar boit of hering anis in the zeir iijs. iiijd.; prouyding awayis that the said brugh bestow the said impost for preseruand of the samyn in maner foirsaid, and mak compt to the burrowis at expyreing of thair said licence, vnder the pane of xx li. sa oft as thai failze, to be payit to the burrowis; and the commissioner of Glasgow dissentit heirto and thairvpoun askit instrumentis.

EDINBURGH, 19th, 27th June 1600.

xxvij Iunij 1600.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris presentle conwenit, haifing red and considerit the [24] act maid at the generall conwentioun haldin at Kinghorne, anent the excyse beir and wyne in Campheir, and minister to the natioun resorteand thair, for performeance of the said act, be thir presentis geweis powir and commissioun to the brugh of Edinbrugh to celect and depute ane sufficient persoun, authorizit with thair powir and commissioun, quhilk salbe als sufficient as gif it war gewin be the saidis commissioneris and

Campheir, Excyse beir and wyne. Minister.

EDINBURGH, 27th June 1600.

haill burrowis, with speciall powir to deill, intreatt, and contract in name of the burrowis with the magistratis of the toun of Campheir, to haue the nvmber of ten last beir and tua last and ane half wyne and excyse thairof layit by and conwertit to the sustentatioun of ane minister for the natioun in the said toun, and the said brugh of Edinbrugh to direct thair lettre missiue to the saidis magastrattis to that effect, with lettres to the factouris and conseruatour, for thair concurrence and fortherance of the samyn, and the said mater taking effect the said brugh to agre with ane minister to be plantit in the said toun of Campheir, and to deill with the magistrattis of Campheir to prouyd him kirk, hous, and excyse beir and wyne, fre, according to the mwtwall contract, and the saidis commissioneris grantis and geweis to the qualyfeit persoun quha salbe nominat be the said brugh, for his painis and trauellis to be tane in the said mater, the soume of tuenty pundis grit, of the first and reddiest that may be gottin of the said excyse beir and wyne, and the said brugh to giff him commissioun be himselff or his factouris to vplift the samyn.

Iohne Robertsoune.	Dauid Watsoune.
Geoirge Heireot, elder.	W. Carmichell.
Iames Adamsone.	Iames Boisswell.
Henre Elder.	Ihone Hacket.
Iohnne Traill.	Alexander Smyth.
Io. Findlasoun.	Thomas Fallusdaill.
Allexander Rutherfurd.	Iames Tempill.

Edinburgh. 3d Nov. 1600.

In the Perticuler Conventioun of the Burrowis, begun and haldin within the burgh of Edinburgh the thrid day of November j^m v^c zeiris, the tyme of this present Parliament, and be vertew of the citatioun maid to thame be the burgh of Edinburgh, for the matter of the burrow maillis payit to his Maiestie, Compeirit the Commissioneris vnderwrittin and producet thair commissiouns for halding of the said conventioun: to witt:

EDINBURGH, Thomas Fischer, George Heriot, elder; Perthe, Iames Adamesone, Iames Drummond, Olipher Young; Dundie, Robert Fleschour, Patrik Lyoun; Aberdene, Alexander Rutherfuird, Maister Alexander Cullane; Sterling, Archibald Alexander, Iohnne Williamsone, clerk; Lynlythgow, Andro Ker; Glesgow, Schir George Elphingstoun of Blytiswoid, Knicht, provest, Iames Forrett, baillie, Iames Tempill; Sanctandrois, Dauid Watsone; Dysert, Robert Neblo, baillie; Air, Iohnne Pooer; Hadingtoun, Iames Gray; Kirkcaldie, Alexander Dalzell; Montrois, Iames Guthrie; Couper, (*blank*); Anstruther Eister, Iohnne Anstruther, zounger, clerk; Dumfreis, Halbert Cunninghame, clerk; Irwing, Williame Scott; Wigtoun, (*blank*); Pettinweme, Robert Logane; Dumbarten, Thomas Fallesdaill; Ranfrow, Williame Somervell; Lanerk, Dauid Blair; Bruntieland, Maister Andro Wilsone; Carraill, Iohnne Makkiesone; Kinghorne, Iohnne Kirkcaldie; Anstruther Wester, (*blank*); Selkirk, (*blank*); Culrois, Iohnne Forret, clerk; Dumbar, Maister Eduard Aitkyn; Banff, Iames Alexander; Forfar, Andro Hunter; Rutherglen, Dauid Spens; Northberwick, Hew Bailzie; Cuillane, Iames Lautie, George Duff; Innernes, Iohnne Cuthbert, proveist and . . . . . EDINBURGH, 3d, 7th Nov. 1600.

The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris makis and constitutis Thomas Fischer, ane of the commissioneris of Edinburgh, thair moderatour during this present conventioun. Moderatour.

Septimo Novembris I^m vj^c.

The quhilk day, anent the desyre of the burch of Sterling for ane suppoirt to be gevin thame for mantening, persewing, and defending of thair actiouns befoir the lordis vpone thair liberteis, aganis the townes of Falkirk and Airthe, the saidis commissioneris remittis the samyn to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, and ordanis it to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Stirling, Missiue.

The samin day, anent the complent of the burch of Hadingtoun aganis Dunbar, for taking and ressaueing of gritter impoist frome the said burgh of Hadingtoun nor is mentionet in the licence grantit to thame for taking of ane impoist, the saidis tua burghis being present, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis remittis the said matter to the nixt generall conventioun, Hadingtoun contra Dunbar, Missiue.

EDINBURGH. 7th Nov. 1600.

and ordanis the said brugh of Dumbar to be warnit to ansuer thairto and ather of the saidis parteis to cum sufficientlie instructit with thair richtis, reasons, and allegeances, vnder the pane of tuentie pund, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Perth. Generall charter.

The samyn day, ordanis Iames Adamesone, ane of the commissioneris of Perth, to send for the generall chairter concerning the libertie of the burrowis being in thair handis, and to geve in ane article for confirmatioun thairof in this present parliament.

Hadingtoun. Missiue.

The samyn day, ordanis the burghes of Dundie, Glesgow, Sanctandrois, Dysert, Sterling, Montrois, Couper, Anstruther Eister, Brunteiland, to be warnet to the nixt generall conventioun to gif thair ansuer anent the suppoirt of the burgh of Hadingtoun, brunt for the maist pairt with suddane fyre, vnder the pane of tuentie pund, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Scott. Elie. Missiue.

The samyn day, compeirit maister William Scot of (*blank*), writer, and ane of the clerkis of the Sessioun, and exponet and declairet to thame how necessar and steidabill the heavin of the Elie in Fyfe was to the haill traffikeris be sey and thair schipis in tymes of tempest and vther tymes also, and wald be mair proffitable gif he war helpit to repair the samin and big ane bulwark thair upone, and thairfoir cravet the saidis burrowis support to that effect, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis acknawleging the premissis to be of weritie, findis his desyre maist ressonabill, and thairfoir ordanis the haill burrowis to be wairnit to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructit to gif thair fauourable answeir at the nixt conventioun, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Parliament.

The samyn day, appointis and ordanis the commissioneris of the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, and sic vtheris of thair number as sall be vpone the articles of this present parliament, to gif guid attendance to the matteris to be intreitit thairintill, and to oppone thame selffis cairfurlie to the matter of the Sterling money, and all vtheris that may be preiudiciall to the burrowis, and to obtene documentis thairupoun, and to seik the consultatioun of the burrowis in all matteris of consequence quhen opportunite may be had afoir the samyn be concluidit.

Glasgow, Renfrow, Dunbartane.

The samyn day, anent the contraversie movet betuixt the burghis of Glesgow, Renfrow, and Dumbarten, vpone ather of thair liberteis vpone the watter of Clyde, and exactioun of the lait impoist grantit be our

souerane lord to the brugh of Dumbarten, vpone ane act of particuler conventioun of burrowis haldin at Edinburgh in Iunij last, the tryell quhairof and explanatioun of the said act of burrowis anent the libertie of Dumbarten is be ane act of secreit counsall daitit at Sterling the tent of September last, is remittet to the present commissioneris, as at lenth is contenit in the saidis actis and supplicatioun gevin in be the said brugh of Dumbarten thairanent, Schir George Elphingstoun of Blythiswoid, Knicht, proveist, James Forret, and James Tempill, commissioneris for the burgh of Glesgow, William Somervell, commissioner for the burgh of Renfrow, and Thomas Fallisdaill, commissioner for the burgh of Dumbarten, being present, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis findis that thai can nocht presentlie geve furth thair explanatioun of the liberteis of the saidis 3 burghis vpone the said watter of Clyde without forder cognitioun or deliberatioun to be tane or haid thairanent; and anent the said act of burrowis tuiching the said impost, the saidis commissioneris declairis that it was nocht the meaning of the burrowis that the said burgh of Dumbarten sould (be vertew of the said act) vplift the said impoist vpone the said watter of Clyde, bot in the watter of Levin only, and this thair declaratioun thai will to be vnderstand without preiudice of the liberteis of the saidis thre burghis or ony of thame quhilk thay had or may pretend to haif vpone the said watter befoir the granting of the said impost and licence thairof.

EDINBURGH, 7th, 8th Nov. 1600.

Octauo Novembris I^m vj^c.

The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, vnderstanding that it is hevelie regrattit and complenit be the skipperis and awneris of schipis within this realme vpone and aganis thair marineris for leving of thair schipis in forane countreyis, for vptaking of gritter deuteis nor thay aucht to haif, and for dyuers vther misorderis committit and done be thame, to the grit hurt and preiudice of all traffiqueris, maisteris, and awineris of schipis, for remeid quhairof findis expedient and ordanis that ilk burgh sall send thair commissioneris to the nixt generall conventioun sufficientlie instructit with thair advyce and counsall, powir, and commissioun, to set doun ane guid and solide ordour betuix the saidis skipperis, maisteris, and

Skipperis, Awners, Mariners. Missiue.

EDINBURGH, 8th, 11th Nov. 1600.

awneris, and thair marineris, quhat everie ane of thame aucht to do vnto vtheris, for mantening of peace and concord amangis thame and advanceing of sailling and traffique in tyme cuming, and to that effect that the burghis of Edinburgh, Dundie, Sanctandrois, Kinghorne, Kirkcaldy, Dysert, Pittinweme, Brunteilland, baithe the Anstrutheris, and Carraill, bring with thair commissioneris at the nixt conventioun ane maister and skipper or twa of ilk burgh for devyseing and doun setting of the said guid ordour, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Vndecimo Nouembris 1600.

Irewyne, supportt.

The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis being convenit, William Scott, commissioner for the brugh of Irewin, for him self and in name of the said brugh, promitit and was content that quhatsumewir soumeis of money salbe grantit to thair said brugh be taxatioun or impost at ony tyme herefter, ather at parliament, conwentioun of estatis, or secret counsale, for reparatioun of thair herbere, the samyn sall nawayis be extendit, crawet, nor vpliftit, fra nane of the haill brughis of this realm nor ather of thame or ony pairt of thair libertie without thair awin particular guid will and consent haid thairto.

Thomas Fyscher.
Geoirge Heireot, elder.
Iames Forret.
Archibald Alschander.
Ihone Kyrkcaldy.
An. Wilsone.
Thomas Fallusdaill.
Iohnne Power.
Mr Edward Aitkin.
Robt. Neblo's merk.
Williame Scot.
I. Anstruther.
Dauid Watsoun.
I. Andersone.
Iohne Makesone.

At Edinbrugh, decimo quarto Februarij, millesimo sextentesimo primo. The quhilk day the Commissioneris of the Burrowis vnderwrittin, quha war conwenit to this present Conwentioun of the Estatis, that is to say: for Edinbrugh, Rodger Maknacht, Patrik Sandelandis; Perthe, Iames Adamsoun; Dundy, William Duncane; Aberdeyne, Alexander Rutherfuird; Glasgow, William Andersoun; Stirling, Iohn Williamsoun, clerk; Air, Iohn Lokcart; Sanctandrois, Patrik Guthre; Lynlythgow, Robert Stewart.

EDINBURGH, 14th Feb. 1601.

Vnderstanding that his Maieste is to direct ane imbassadour to the King of France, and that be ane act maid at the particular conwentioun of Burrowis, haldin at Edinbrugh the xviij day of Iunij last, it was thocht expedient that the brugh of Edinbrugh sould adwerteis certane burrowis, mentionat in the said act, to send thair commissioner instructit with powir to nominat and authoreis ane qualyfeit persoun to pas with the said imbassadour, for doungetting of the customeis rayssit in France vpoun the guidis passand thairto furth of this realm, contrair the preueldgeis grantit to this natioun and by the auld custome payit of before, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said act, and becaus it wald be trubilsum and expensiue to the saidis burrowis to meit agane vpoun the said mater, and that thai could nocht be conwenientle gadderit in dew tyme to that effect before the depairting of the said imbassadour, and respectand the grit skaith sustenit be the natioun for rayssing the saidis customeis; thairfoir thai, for them selffis and takand the burding vpoun thame for thair saidis burrowis, hes thocht expedient, agreit, consentit, and ordanit that the said brugh of Edinbrugh sall elect, nominat, and direct ane sufficient persoun, authorizat with powir and commissioun as direct fra thame and the haill burrowis of the realm, to pas with the said imbassadour and trauell to obteyne the doungetting of the saidis new customeis and reponeing the natioun to thair ancient liberteis; and for defraying of his chairgis and expenssis in the said mater they haue consentit that the impost or custome following salbe

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tane and intrometit with be him and his factouris and doaris to his behuif, of the guidis efter mentionat cumand furth of this realm to the portis of Caleis, Solme, Treporte, Deip, Newhewin, Cayin, and Rowane; to witt, of ilk twn claith thre frankis; ilk twn salmond thrette sowz; ilk twn hering fyvetene sowz; the twn skynns thrette sowz, and gaitt skynns tuelf sowz; hydis twenty foure sowz the tun; and the guidis cummand fra the saidis pairtis hameward to Scotland to pay according to the act sett doun at Edinbrugh the fourt day of September 1599, quhilk is sex pundis of ilk twn, except the gross wairis following viz.:—Iyrne pottis, stray, wade, treyne, schuillis, apillis, peris, wynigar, quhilk sal pay alanerle thre pundis ilk twn; and the vptaking of the said impost or custome to be and begyn at the arryuing of the said commissioner in the realm of France and to contenew for ane zeir nixt thairefter and forder gif neid beis quhill his chairgis foirsaidis be satiffeit, vpoun compt awayis to be maid be him to the haill burrowis of the said impost; and ordanis the present commissioner of the brugh of Sanctandrois to insert, as ane heid in the general missiue, that ilk brugh send their commissioneris sufficientle instructit to the nixt general conventioun, with power to take ordour for payment of the chairgis of the said commissioner or agent to be direct to France for doun getting of the said new custome rayssit vpoun all guidis cumand furth of this realm, be grantting ane ressonabill impost, or be sic vther meanis as thay sall think expedient.

Taxatioun viijc li. clayth. Edinbrugh.

The samyn day, forsamekle as the commissioneris presentle conwenit hes promitit to his maieste and the estaittis, for hamebringing of strangeris, craftismen, makeris of claith, and laboureris of woll, to the nvmber of tuenty persouns, as the act of the estaitis the xiij day of Februar instant at mair lenth beiris, thairfoir thai haue thocht guid that the soume of tuelf hundreth merkis for principall and annuell salbe vpliftit presentle to be gevin to the persoun or persouns that salbe direct to forane partis for hamebringing of the saidis strangeris, and gewis commissioun to the brugh of Edinbrugh to elect and direct ane qualyfeit persoun or persouns with Robert Sutherland to that effect, and to agre with him or them thairanentis, and the said brugh to vplift the said some presentle quhill Witsonday nixt; and for refounding thairof that the said brugh of Edinbrugh sett ane taxatioun, according to the taxt roll, for the said soume, vpoun the haill burrowis, and collect and inbring the samyn for thair awin releif vpoun the burrowis ex-

penssis and rais lettres thairvpon, quhairvnto the present commissioneris gewis full powir and commissioun to the said burgh of Edinbrugh. EDINBURGH, 14th Feb. 1601.

Roger Maknacht.	Patrick Guthrie.
Iames Adamsone.	Allexander Rutherfuird.
Olipher Young.	William Andersoun.
William Duncan.	Iohnne Lokhart.

Patrik X Sandelandis merk.

Apud Sanctandrois.

In the Generall Conwentioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Sanctandrois the last day of Iunij I^m. sex hundreth and ane zeris, Compeirit the Commissioneris following, and producit thair commissiounis in maner vnderwrittin, that is to say: ST. ANDREWS, 30th June 1601.

Edinbrugh, Thomas Fischer, merchand, George Foullis, goldsmyth; Perthe, Dyoneis Conquerour, Androw Ray; Dundy, Robert Fleschour, deyne of gild, Iohnne Traill; Aberdein, Maister Thomas Meinzes; Glasgow, Iames Forret, baillie, Mathow Trumbull; Sterling, Archbald Alexander; Lynlythgow, Androw Ker, clerk; Sanctandrois, Maister William Russell, Maister William Weymis; Air, Iohnne Lockart; Munros, William Hardy; Hadingtoun, Iohnne Wilkyne; Lanerik, William Wilkyne, younger; Dysart, Patrik Weymis; Couper, Iames Andersoun, clerk; Kirkcaldy, Iohnne Hacket; Anstruther Eister, William Blak; Pittinweyme, William Symsoun, baillie; Craill, Iohnne Dowglas; Brunteland, Maister Androw Wilsoun, clerk; Kinghorne, Iohne Rannald; Anstruther Wester, Henre Cvninghame, Androw Meluill; Culros, Iohnne Forret, clerk; Innerkeything, George Durie, clerk; Kilranny, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Anstruther Eister; Dumferling, William Pratus; Arbrothe, ratefecatioun and exemptioun producit be George Persoun; Brechin, Iohnne Leiche; Elgyne, George Annand; Innernes, (*blank*); Culane be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Banff; Narne, (*blank*); Forres, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Elgyne; Rossay, (*blank*); Thane, (*blank*); Kirkcudbrycht, be thair

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exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Air; Dumfreis, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Air; Irewin, William Scot; Wigtoun, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Air; Dumbartane, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Air; Renfrow, (*blank*); Selkirk, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Edinbrugh; Dumbar, be their exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Edinbrugh; Northeberuik, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Hadingtoun; Lauder, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Hadingtoun; Peblis, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Lanerik; Iedbrugh, (*blank*); Sanquhar, (*blank*); Ruglein, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be the agent; Quhithorne, (*blank*); Banff, be thair ratefecatioun and exemptioun producit be Alexander Currour thair burges.

Moderatour.

1. The samyn day, electis, creatis, and constitutis Maister William Russell, first in the commissioun, thair moderatour induring the tyme of this conventioun, quha acceptit the samyn and gaue his aith in *communi forma.*

Houres, speiking.

2. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis appointis the houris of thair conventioun to begyn at viij houris in the morneing and to contenew quhill tuelf houris, and fra [*blank*] houris efternone to sex houris at evin, and ane bell to be rung for the space of ane quarter of ane hour preceiding the houris foirsaidis, and the persouns that salbe absent at the ceising of the bell and calling of the rollis to pay ane vnlaw of fyve shillings, and siclyk that na persoun sall speik without licence of the moderatour, nor vtherwayis mixt voitting with ressoning, vnder the said pane.

Citatioun.

3. Patrik Bonckle, commoun clerk of this brugh, producit the lauchfull citatioun of the haill burrowis of this brugh [realm] maid be Thomas Fendar, quhilk he instantle weryfeit, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis.

Reformatioun, burrowis exemit.

4. Findis the ratefecatiouns, missiueis, and commissiounis producit in name and behalf of the brughis of Lauder, Forres, Kilrany, Selkirk, Peblis, quha are exemit fra this present conventioun to be verray informall and imperfyte, and nocht agreand with the actis of burrowis maid anent exemptiouns, and thairfoir iustly to haue incurrit the vnlaw as absentis, neuirtheles in hoip of amendiment the commissioneris dispensis thairwith for the present, ordaneing the commissioneris of the burrowis producearis thairof to mak thame aduerteisement thairof in tyme cuming, with certificatioun and thai failze their exemptioun sall stand them to na effect.

Sanquhar extentit.

5. The samyn day, in consideratioun that the brugh of Sanquhar is inrollit in the nvmber of fre burrowis and as zit nocht put in the extent roll,

thairfoir thai haue thocht guid to set and extent the said brugh to the soume of thre schillingis foure penneis of ilk hundrethe pundis of the soumeis quhairin the remanent burrowis salbe extentit heirefter, and this to indure quhill the nixt alteratioun of the taxt rollis. St. Andrews, 30th June 1601.

6. The samyn day, vnderstanding that John Dovglas, commissioner of Craill, is put to the horne and in dainger thairof, vpoun materis concerning his office, be certane inwyous persouns, thairfoir gewis him licence to pas hame, and he be thir presentis ratefeis all thingis done and to be done in this conventioun. Carraill, Licence.

7. The samyn day, anent the complaint of James Wynraham, agent, aganis the brugh of Dunbar, for contrauentioun of the actis of burrowis maid anent the sending of commissioneris to parliamentis and conventiouns of estaitis, mentionat in the aucht act at the last conventioun at Kinghorne, the said James Wynraham being personle present, and the said brugh being lauchfulle warnet be the generall missiue and nocht compeirand, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis findis the said brugh of Dumbar to haue contrauenit the said act in maner specyfeit in the said act at Kinghorne, and thairfoir decernis thame in ane vnlaw of fourtie pundis to be payit to the said agent, quhairwith he is to be chairgit in his comptis. Dunbar vnlawet. chairge agent.

8. The samyn day, anent the supportis crauit be the brughis of Dumfreis and Irewin, mentionat in the alewint act of the conventioun haldin at Kinghorne, fyndis, inrespect of the vnuersall decay and pouerty of the haill burrowis of this realm, thai may nocht guidle support the saidis brughis at this tyme be ane taxatioun, bot remitis thame to the cheritabill supporte of all godlie persouns in euerie brugh, as God sall mowe thair hertis. Dumfreis. Irewin.

9. The samyn day, anent the electioun of the magistratis in Dysart, mentionat in the 31 act of the last conwentioun haldin in Kinghorne, thair commissioner being present, the saidis commissioneris off burrowis contenewis the samyn to the nixt generall conwentioun, at the quhilk tyme thay ordane the said brugh to produce thair infeftement of erectioun in ane fre brugh, with all vther writtis neidfull concerneing thair erectioun, togidder with the act of court of the forme of thair electioun maid at Mychalmes last, as also of the electioun to be maid at Mychalmes nixtocum, for forder cognitioun to be tane be the saidis burrowis in that mater, and that vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tua hundrethe pundis to be payit to the burrowis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missuie. Dysart, Missiue

10. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Hadingtoun contra Dumbar,

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Hadingtoun contra Dumbar. Charge Agent. Missiue.

mentionat in ane act of the particular conventioun of burrowis haldin at Edinbrugh in Nouember last, for taking of ane gritter impost nor is mentionat in the licence grantit to that effect, the said commissioner of Hadingtoun being personalle present, and the said brugh of Dumbar being lauchfulle warnet be the generall missiue to haue comperit and compeirit nocht, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis decernis the said brugh of Dumbar in ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis, quhairwith Iames Wynraham, agent, is to be chairgit in his comptis, and ordanis to warne the said brugh *de nouo* to ansuer to the said complaint at the nixt conventioun, and to decist and ceis fra taking ony gritter impost nor is contenit in the said licence, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.

Sanquhar vnlawet. Chairge Agent.

11. The samyn day, decernis the brugh of Sanquhar in ane vnlaw of tuentie pundis for nocht comperance to this present conventioun, being lauchfulle warnet be the generall missiue to haue comperit and comperit nocht, quhairwith Iames Wynraham, agent, is to be chairgit in his comptis.

Vnlawing burrowis absent. Chairge Agent.

12. The samyn day, findis the brughis vnderwrittin and ilk ane of thame to haue incurrit the pane and vnlaw of tuenty pundis, becaus thai war lauchfulle warneit be the generall missiue to haue send thair commissioneris to this present conventioun and comperit nocht, nor zit producit na exemptioun nor ratefecatioun be thame selffis nor na vther brughis in thair nameis, conforme to the actis of burrowis; that is to say, the burghis of Renfrow, Innerness, Narne, Rossay, Thane, Iedbrugh, and thairfoir ordanis thame to pay the saidis vnlawis to Iames Wynraham, agent, quhairwith he is to be chargit in his comptis.

Primo Iulij millesimo sextentesimo primo.

Statute, commissioneris electing. Missiue.

13. The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis being conwenit, ratefeis and apprewis the 22 act of the last generall conwentioun at Glasgow, anent derectioun of commissioneris to parliament, conventioun of estaitis, and burrowis, and ordanis the samyn to be obseruit and keipit in all tymeis cuming, with this additioun the pane and vnlaw thairof to be and extend to the soume of ane hundrethe pundis, *toties quotiis*, and to the effect that nane pretend ignorance of the said act in tyme cuming, ordanis ilk brugh to tak the extract of the said act vnder the subscriptioun of thair generall clerk, and to be intimit to thair magistratis and counsale and keipit in thair

registre, and reporte attestatioun of the generall clerk to the nixt generall conventioun of the extract of the said act, and produce the samyn to the nixt generall conventioun with attestatioun of thair brughis of intimatioun of the samyn, vnder the pane of tuenty pundis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

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14. The samyn day, haiffing red and considerit the reporte producit vpoun the behalf of the brugh of Selkirk of the roupping and setting of thair comoun guid, findis that they haue contrauenit the actis of burrowis maid thairanent, in sa far as thai haue set thair comoun mylnis to thair provest, and thairfoir decernis the said brugh in ane vnlaw of ane hundrethe pundis, to be payit to the agent, and ordanis the said brugh to reporte mair autentik delegence in rovpping of the said myln, and vther thair commoun landis and guidis, to the vttermest awaill, to the nixt conventioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tua hundrethe pundis, and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Selkirk vnlawit. Chairge agent. Missiue.

15. The samyn day, anent the matter of the rowpping and setting of the commoun guid and commoun landis of burrowis and perambulatting of their mercheis, mentionat in the xxv act of the last generall conventioun haldin at Kinghorne, haiffing red and exemenit the delegence producit thairanent for the maist pairt of the saidis burrowis, ordanis that ilk brugh at the nixt conventioun schaw and produce ane autentik act of thair counsale, subscryuit be thair commoun clerk, of the rovping and setting of thair commoun guid, commoun landis, and perambulating of thair mercheis, in maner specyfeit in the actis of burrowis maid thairvpoun and na vtherwayis, vnder the pane of tuenty pundis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Roupping of commoun guidis, commoun landis, perambulating mercheis. Missiue.

16. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun of the brugh of Sterling, for supporte to the persuite of thair actioun before the lordis vpoun thair liberteis aganis the vnfre tounis of Falkirk and Airthe, mentionat in the act of the last conventioun at Kinghorne [Edinburgh, 7th November 1600], desyris the said brugh to insist in the said actioun. and thai obteneing decreit in thair fawouris to extract and delyuer the copy thairof to thair generall clerk, quhome thai ordane to mak ane hed of the generall missiue thairvpoun, desyring ilk brugh to reporte thair ansuer to the nixt conventioun to the supplicatioun, to be considerit at discretioun and modyfecatioun of the burrowis, as thai sall fynd the said decreit awailleable to the commoun weill of burrowis.

Stirling, supporte. Missiue.

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Commissio, customes of France. Forrett.

17. The samyn day, anent the mater of derecting ane commissioner or agent for doungetting of the exactiouns, customeis, and impositiouns raissit within the realm of France vpoun the natioun and traffiqueris thairof, mentionat in ane act of the particular conwentioun of burrowis haldin at the brugh of Edinbrugh in the monethe of Iunij 1600, and ane vther conwentioun of burrowis haldin thair in the moneth of Februar last, be the quhilk last act ilk brugh is ordanit to send thair commissioner to this present conwentioun to tak ordour with the said mater, quhairvpoun the samyn is maid ane heid of the last generall missiue; the saidis commissioneris, vnderstanding that my Lord Duik of Lennex is direct as imbassadour for his maieste to the king of France, and now presentle is vpoun his journay, and that Iames Forret, present baillie and commissioner for Glasgow, is to pas with his lordschip to the pairtis of France, and the saidis commissioneris haifand consideratioun of the qualyficatioun and habilite of the said Iames and of his credite with my said lord imbassadour, thairfoir thai haue thocht guid to mak chois of the said Iames Forret, and to mak, creat, and constitute, lykas be thir presentis makis, creatis, and constitutis him thair verray lauchfull vndoutit and irreuocable actour, procuratour, agent and commissioner, gewand, grantand, and committand vnto him thair full powir and commissioune, expres mandement and chairge, for thame and in thair nameis, and behalf of the haill burrowis, trafficqueris within the realm of France, to pas toward the said realm, and be the moyane of my said lord imbassadour, and all vther meaneis possibill, to insist and trauell at the handis of the kingis maiestie, and secret counsale of France, and all vther persouns neidfull, for doun getting the exactiouns, customeis, and impositiouns rayssit about the j^{m} v^{c} lxxxviij-lxxxix zeris, and sen syne, vpoun all woll, salmond, hyidis, claith, skynns, hering, and vther merchandrice cumand within the realm of France furth of Scotland, and vpoun wyne and wade cumand from Burdeaux and vther partis in France to this realm of Scotland, by and contra the auld custome and preueledgeis of the natioun, and for reponeing of the saidis trafficqueris and natioun to thair ancient liberteis anent the customeis foirsaidis, and all vther thingis quhairin the estait of burrowis is preiudget, with speciall power, etc., and generalle all and sindre, etc., *promittentes de rato;* and gif neid beis ordanis ane ample commissioun to be maid and gewin to him heirvpoun in *communi forma,* vnder the subscriptioun of thair generall clerk, and the seill of caus

of the brugh of Edinbrugh to be appendit thairto; and for making the said Iames chairgis and expenssis in doing and performeing the premissis, thay grant, giffis, and ordanis the impost following, to be tane and vpliftit of all guidis and merchandrice cumand fra the portis of Caleis, Solme, Treporte, Deip, Newhewin, Cayin, and Rowane, in France, viz.: of ilk twn foure pundis scotis, except the gros wairis following viz.: iyrne potis, stray, wade, treyne, schuilis, apillis, peiris, wynigar, quhilk sall pay alanerle fourtie schillingis, and of ilk twn guidis passand outward to the saidis portis fourtie sowz; and the said impost to be and begyn sua sone as it sall happin the said Iames to arryve in the realm of Ffrance for doing of his commissioun foirsaid, and to contenew quhill the first day of Ianuar nixt alanerly, and to be vpliftit, collectit, and imbrocht be the said Iames, his factouris, collectouris, and vnder ressaueuris for quhome he salbe haldin to ansuer, vpoun compt to be maid be him to the saidis burrowis thairvpoun, and for his trauellis and expenssis to be considerit at the discretioun of the burrowis or sic as thai sall nominat thairto accordingle; and at the said Iames returneing ordanis him to schew and produce his compt and proceidingis to the brugh of Edinbrugh, and the said brugh thairvpoun to mak aduerteisement to the commissioneris of burrowis that sall happin to conweyne to ony particular conventioun nixt following the samyn, to the quhilkis commissioneris the saidis present commissioneris gewis thair powir to tak the said Iames reporte and delegence, heir and fute his comptis, and gif he be superexpendit to tak ordour for payment thairof with his recompens, be contenewatioun of the said impost or vtherwayis as thai sall think expedient; and ordanis the brughis of Edinbrugh, Glasgow, Perthe, Dundy, Aberdein, Lynlythgow, with the said Iames, to deill with his maieste and my lord imbassadour foirsaid in the premissis and to purchest lettres, requeistis, and all vther thingis for fortherance of the said mater.

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Secundo Iulij I^{m}vj^{c} primo.

18. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris being conwenet, anent the ordour to be set doun betuixt the skipperis and maryneris, mentionat in ane act of the particular conwentioun haldin at Edinbrugh the aucht day of Nouember last, for effectuating thairof hes fund expedient, agreit, and

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ordanit, that the brughis of Edinbrugh, Dundy, Sanctandrois, Kingorne, Kirkcaldy, Dysart, Pittinweyne, Craill, and baith the Anstrutheris, sall with the first conwenient occasioun call in before them certane of the maist discreit merchandis, skipperis, and land awneris of schipis, and exponeand vnto thame the said mater sall caus thame conweyne togidder and set doun in wryte the heidis and artikleis of the grewis and complaintis that ather of the merchandis, skipperis, and awneris hes to lay to vtheris chairgis, and to thair marineris, vpoun occasioun of any enormiteis bygane, with the ordenar and lauchfull remedeis thairoff, and quhat dewteis euerie ane of thame aucht to pay to vtheris, and gif in the samyn to thair brugh, and thairefter that the said brugh derectt ane merchand, skipper, and land awner, or sua mony of thame as thai haue, to meit and conweyne at Couper in Fyfe the fyft day of October nixt, bringand with thame the saidis artikles, and at thair meitting gadder furth thairof and sett doun ane solide ordour betuixt the saidis parteis, subscryue and delyuer the samyn to the brugh of Edinbrugh, to be keipit and presentit be thame to the nixt generall conwentioun that forder ordour may be tane be the said conwentioun thairintill, and the brughis nocht compeirand at Couper to incur ane vnlaw of fourtie pundis to be payit to the burrowis, with powir to the saidis brughis that conweyneis to vnlaw the burrowis absent in the said vnlaw, and the premissis to be reportit be the said brugh of Edinbrugh, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue; and the saidis commissioneris of burrowis to mak ane conformete of twnis, lastis, sekis, and surplethis, conforme to Edinbrugh.

Perthe, Impost.

19. The samyn day, grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Perthe to impetrat of our sourane lord the licence of ane impost of ane penny to be tane of ilk hors ij d. the laid iiij d. passand alangis the brig of Erne, for the space of sevin zeiris nixt following the dait of the said gift, to be imployit vpoun reparatioun of the said brig, vpoun the conditiouns specyfeit and contenit in the actis of licenceis of impostis to be speciale ingrossit in the extract heirof.

Ratefecatioun Edinbrugh. Clayth making.

20. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis presentle conwenit, haifing red and considerit the act of the particular conwentioun of certane burrowis haldin at Edinburgh the xiiij day of Februar last, anent the vplifting be the brugh of Edinburgh of the soume of aucht hundrethe pundis, and directing of thair commissioneris for hamebringing of strain-

geris for making of claith and setting ane taxatioun vpoun the saidis burrowis for payment of the said soume agane to the said brugh, thay ratefe and apprewe the samyn and all that hes followit thairvpoun, with all claussis, circumstanceis of the samyn, and promitis to satife and fulfill the said act euerie ane of thame for thair awin partis.

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Tertio Julij millesimo sexcentesimo primo.

21. The quhilk day, in presens of the commissioneris of burrowis presentlie conwenit, Thomas Fischer merchand, and George Foulis goldsmyth, commissioneris for the brugh of Edinbrugh, producit ane act of the lordis of his maiesteis secreit counsale, maid anent the declaration of the commissioneris of burrowis vpoun thair acceptatiouns of the conditiouns mentionat in his maiesteis missiue direct to thame for the wark of the making of claith, and for trauelling to bring hame strangeris and direct commissioneris to France, Flanders, and Ingland to that effect, as the said act, maid at Edinbrugh the xiij day of Februar last beiris; and als producit ane act of secreit counsale be the quhilk the nynt day of Julij instant is assignit to the commissioneris of burrowis for reporting ane resolute ansuer to his maieste and lordis of secrit consale how sone and quhat day thay wald haue the wark of the making of claith set vp in this cuntrey, as the said act, maid at Edinbrugh the second day of Junij last, proportis; sicklyk producit the copy of the tua commissiouns gewin to Alexander Hunter be the said brugh of Edinbrugh, for passing to Norvage in Ingland, and the Law Cuntreyis in Flanders, for hamebringing of strangeris and making of all sortis of claithe, with the instructionis gevin to him; and sicklyk producit the said Alexanders lettres missiue and offeris send be him to Edinbrugh from Norvage, with his missiue lettres and ansueris fra Laydin in Holland; and last, the said Alexander Hunter compeirand maid reporte of his proceidingis and delegence, quha also declairit that thair was ane callit Gabriell Byschop, claithmaker in Norvage, with quhome he was in deilling, presentle cumit hame to se the maner, quha wald contract, agre, and deill with the burrowis in the said mater, and incais thai could nocht agre with him thair wald vtheris be haid vpoun easie conditiouns; lyk as the said Thomas Fischer declairit that he haid trauellit in France for hamebringing of strangeris

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and could get nane; quhilkis haill actis, wryttis, and reportis, being red, hard and considerit be the saidis burrowis, thay fand the delegence sufficient; and forder, for satiffactioun of his maiesteis desyre for plantting and erecting within this realm of the airt of making of braid claithe, and flemmings, freises, grogranis, and vther stuffis, sic as ar maid in Flanders of Scottis woll, war content and consentit glaidlie to bald hand thairto and to concur for thair pairtis to the vttermost of thair powir; and becaus the mater is wechtie and requyreis grawe deliberatioun, and that thai are ane multitude that can nocht abyd any langer togidder to treit and consult thairvpoun, thairfoir thay be thir presentis gewis thair full powir and commissioun to the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perthe, Dundy, Aberdein, Sterling, Glasgow, Lynlythgow, Air, or ony fyve of them, be thair present commissioneris or ony vther quhome thai pleis to appointe and direct in thair place, to meit and conweyne at Edinburgh vpoun Weddinisday nixt the aucht day of Julij instant and all vther dayis neidfull, and thair to intreate, consult, and deliberat vpoun the said mater, resolue and conclude thairintill, as thai sall think expedient for the weill of the realm and setting fordward of the said wark to the contentment of his maieste, with speciall powir to deill, contract, and agre with the said claith maker in Norvage or ony vtheris quhome thai sall think meit for taking vpoun them the said wark be them selffis and thair pairteneris, and for putting the warkman presentle cumit hame to wark and exonering the burrowis of thair chairgis in tyme cuming, and for hamebringing of vtheris or ma warkmen and craftismen neidfull, and to place and put them to wark presentle, ather seueralle or togidder, in quhat pairtis or brughis of the realm thai sall fynd commodious, and als in thair nameis to compeir before his maieste and lordis of his hienes secreit consale the said nynt day of Julij, or quhatsumewir vther day or dayis requisite, and in thair nameis to gif ansuer to his maiesteis desire according to the said act, and to mak report of thair proceidingis and guid will borne thairto, and in respect thairof and of the expenssis maid or to be maid thairvpoun to impetrate of his maieste and the haill realm sic help, supporte, and concurrence as this wark sall merite and as thai guidle may obteyne in respect of the vniuersal pouerty of the burrowis, with sic preueledgeis and immuniteis as wald or micht haue bene grantit to ony vtheris that wald haue interpryssit the said wark; and quhatsumeuir soumeis of money it sall happin the saidis brughis and thair

commissioneris to promeis or vplift for effectuating of the premissis the saidis haill commissioneris presentle conwenit, for themselffis and takand the burding vpoun thame for thair saidis brughis and haill burrowis of this realm, sall contribute and beir burding thairinto, and to refound and pay the samyn agane, euerie ane of them according to thair awin partis and according to the extent roll, as thai salbe aduerteissit be ane missiue direct fra the saidis brughis or be the brugh of Edinbrugh in thair name, to be sent to Edinbrugh agane the day that salbe affixit in the said missiue, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis, by and attour the payment of thair partis of the saidis soumeis; with powir alsua to the saidis brughis and thair commissioneris conweyneand at Edinbrugh the said aucht day of Iulij to vnlaw the burrowis nocht conweneand in ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis; attour the saidis commissioneris of burrowis gewis powir and commissioun to the saidis brughis, or ony fyve of thame, to fute, heir, and end the comptis of the said Alexander Hunter, and of the said brugh of Edinbrugh, of the said soume of aucht hundrethe pundis, and of the expensis maid or to be maid be thame vpoun the fortherance of the said wark and straingeris, and the said brugh to be comptabill vpoun the superplus, and gif the comptis be superexpendit the saidis commissioneris bindis and oblissis thame to refound the samyn in maner foirsaid; with speciall powir to the saidis brughis conweyneand as said is to haue consideratioun of the pains and trauellis tane be the said Alexander and to satiffe him thairfoir; and the expenss of the commissioneris conveneand at Edinbrugh as saidis to be vpoun the comoun expenss of the burrowis, and to be allowit in the compts of the soumeis to be debursit vpoun the wark of the claith foirsaid.

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22. The samyn day, grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Aberdeyne to impetrat at our souerane lord ane gift of the impost and dewteis following, for reparatioun of thair heawin and herbere, and to indure for the space of sewin zeris alanerly fra the dait of the said gift, that is to say: of ilk twn guidis lossit in the said hewin to tak and haue tua shillingis at the incuming, and at the laidning and outgangeing tua shillingis, and of the veshell tuelf pennies for the twn at the incuming and tuelf penneis at the outgangeing, and this of all sorte of geir except coll, lyme, sklait, and fre stane, quhilk is ordainit to be fre of the said impost; item of ilk chalder wittual dischargit or loissit in the said herbere tua shillingis at the incum-

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ing, and of ilk chalder wittuall transportit furthe thairof tua schillingis, and of the weshell tuelf penneis at the incuming or loissing, and tuelf pennies at hir outpassing and laidning, item ane trey of ilk hundreth lossit or laidinit within the said herbere; prouyding awyis thai bestow the said impost vpon reparatioun of thair said herbere and mak zeirle compt to the burrowis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of twenty pundis to be payit to the burrowis.

Exemptio Selkirk, Arbrothe, Thane, Forfar.

23. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis hes exemet and exemis the brughis following fra all conventiouns general for the space of thre zeiris, viz., the brughis of Selkirk, Thane, and Arbrothe, as lykwyis the brugh of Forfar gif the conwentioun hald nocht within thair schrefdome, prouyding thai send to ilk conwentioun generall with the commissioner of the nixt brugh nocht exemit thair autentik lettre of ratefecatioun of all thingis to be done in the said conventioun, togidder with all someis that thai salbe fund restand awand to the burrowis for the clerk and agent feyis or any vther caus, vtherwayis to be vnlawit as absentis, and als thir presentis nocht to be extendit to the caissis quhair thai ar warnet to ansuer at the instance of ony particular brugh or pairtie, and the expenssis quhilk thair commissioner micht haue cost them to be bestowit vpon thair brigis, herbereis, tolbuithis, kirkis, or ony other maist necessar commoun warkis, and compt to be gevin thairof to the burrowis thairof at the end of thair said exemptioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis, as lykwyis that thai send with thair said lettre of ratefecatioun the rovpping of thair commoun guidis and ryding of their mercheis vnder the said pane.

Burrowis vnlawet. Chairge agent.

24. The samyn day, findis the brughis vnderwrittin and ilk ane of them to haue incurrit the pane and vnlaw of tuenty pundis, for nocht payment to the brugh of Air thair pairt of the taxatioun grantit to the said brugh, according to the generall missiue derect thairanent, viz., Innernes, Rossay, Forres, Nayrne, quhilkis someis thay ordane Iames Wynraham thair agent to vplift, quhairwith he is to be chairgit in his comptis.

Commissio, comptis. Fischer, agent.

25. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis gewis powir and commissioun to the commissioneris of burrowis quha ar to meitt at Edinbrugh the viij day of Iulij instant to ressaue the comptis of Thomas Fischer, merchand, present commissioner, of the someis vpliftit be him, baith in Scotland and France, for defraying of the expenssis maid be him in the partis of France quhair he was derectit be the burrowis for doun getting of the customeis, conforme to the commission gevin to him; and sielyk the

comptis of Iames Wynraham, agent, of his ressait and debursementis sen his last compt, heir, fute, and subscryue baith the saidis comptis, and tak ordour with the restis and superexpenssis gif ony be, as the saidis burrowis micht do them selffis. St. Andrews, 3d July 1601.

26. The samyn day, ordanis ilk brugh quhair thair is ony of thair nicht-bouris, merchandis, skipperis, or awneris, trafficquing in the Law Cuntreyis, quha hes ony complaintis vpoun the conseruatour or his deputis for wrangis or enormetis done vnto them, that thai send thair commissioneris to the nixt conwentioun generall sufficientle instrucit for persewing thairof, and that the agent warne the said conseruator presentle before his depairting and thairefter be ane missiue direct to him to the Law Cuntreyis, to compeir in the said nixt conventioun generall to ansuer to the saidis complaintis, with certificatioun an he failze the saidis commissioneris will heid and decerne as accordis. Conseruatour, agent. Missiue.

27. The samyn day, the saidis haill commissioneris ernestlie requeistit thair brether of the commissioneris of Perthe and Dundy to submit thair actiouns presentle depending in the law, and all vtheris thair grudgeis and contrauerseis, to the burrowis, with the quhilkis the saidis commissioneris of the brughis of Perthe and Dundy war content and consentit, and be thir presentis promeissis, that incais thair materis war nocht alreddy decydit, thay sould caus thair saidis brughis send thair powir and commissioun betwixt and Weddinisday nixt the 8 of Iulij instant to thair agentis and commissioneris presentle at the law in Edinbrugh, to submit in ample forme thair saidis contrauerssis vnto the burrowis quha sall conveyne at Edinbrugh the said day, or samony of the haill estait of burrowis as the saidis brughis of Perthe and Dundy sall agre vnto, and therefore the saidis commissioneris of burrowis desyris the saidis burrowis conweyneand as saidis to accept the samyn vpoun thame and do thairin as gif the haill burrowis war present, as thai tendar the weill and vnite of the commoun estait and weill of burrowis. Submissio Perth, Dundie.

28. The sam day, ordanis ilk brugh to send with thair commissioner to the nixt conventioun thair diligence in writt mair particularelie of restrayning and pvnising of the vnfre trafficquers, saillers without tikkets, regraters and forestallers, in thair bounds, and of the depryving thair owtland burgessis, with thair names and places quhair thai duell, ilk burgh vnder the payne of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Vnfrie sailler-ers, regratouris, forestallers, owtland burgessis. Missiue.

29. The sam day, gevis powir and commissioun to the burrowis conven- Commissio, Campheir.

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and at Edinbrugh on Wedinsday nixt to caus, be avyse of my lord conseruatour and Henry Nesbet, pen ane ansuer to the toun of Campheirs lettre, and to craif augmentatioun of excyse beir and wyne; and als to writt to the factouris, and to do all thingis neidfull for planting ane minister in Campheir to serue the natioun.

Impost, Dysart.

30. The samyn day, grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Dysart to impetrat ane gift of our souerane lord, for the space of sevin zeris nixt following the dait thairof, of ane impost of the ship and guidis arryuand in thair herbere, in maner contenit in the licence grantit to the brugh of Aberdein in Iulij 1596, eikand thairto of ilk chalder salt of vnfremen vj s. viij d., and of fremen iij s. iiij d., and of the veshell, vnfremen ij s., and fremen xij d.

Compromisis Anstruther Eister, Anstruther Wester.

31. The samyn day, William Blak, commissioner for Anstruther Eister, and Androw Meluill, commissioner for Anstruther Wester, in name of thair saidis brughis, for them selffis and taking the burding vpoun thame for the samyn, submitis all thair actiouns, debaitis, and contrauerseis, in and to Maister William Sym, Patrik Grieff, or Iohnne Kent, burgessis of Brunteland, or ony ane of them for the pairt of the brugh of Anstruther Eister, and in and to Maister William Weymis, Androw Forret, and Dauid Awerie, or ony ane of them for the pairt of the brugh of Anstruther Wester, and in and to Thomas Fischer, commissioner for Edinbrugh as owerisman, chossin of consent of baith the saidis parteis, quha sall conweyne at Anstruther Eister the xxiiij day of Iulij instant and accept in and vpoun thame the decisioun of the saidis materis, with powir to the saidis arbritatouris, or maist pairt of them quha sall happin to conveyne as saidis, to decyid in the said mater betuixt and the first day of August, with powir to prorogat to the nixt conventioun generall, and the saidis commissioneris promitit to caus thair said brughis ratefe and apprewe the samyn at thair hamecuming.

Burghs vnlawet. Charge agent.

32. The samyn day, decernis the brughis vnderwrittin and ilk ane of them in ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis, for nocht payment to the brugh of Edinbrugh and thair commissioneris thair partis of the soume of aucht hundrethe pundis deburssit be the said brugh for hamebringing of strangeris, makeris of claithe, mentionat in the act made at Edinbrugh in Februar last, and contenit in the missiue direct to thame thairanentis, prouyding the saidis brughis or ather of them pay in Edinbrugh betuixt and the ix

day of August thair pairtis of the said soume thai to be free of this vnlaw. Bruntiland

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33. The samyn day, anent the supplication gevin in for supporte to the reparatioun of the heavin of Stanehywe, contenewis thair ansueris thairto to the nixt conventioun, and ordanis the samyn to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Staynhyve. Missiue.

34. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun of the brugh of Irewin craweing help of the grit expenssis maid be the said brugh aganis certane vnfre touns and in obteneing decreit aganis them, the saidis commissioneris contenewis thair ansuer thairto to the nixt general conwentioun, and ordanis the samyn to be ane heid of the next missiue.

Erewyne. Missiue.

35. The samyn day, grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Sanctandrois to impetrat of our souerane lord the gift of the impost following, for reparation of the Gair brig, quhilk is altogidder ruyneous, viz., of ilk hors laid ox and sic sorte of guidis tua penneis, of ilk laid wittual foure penneis, of ilk laid collis tua penneis, to be imployit be the said brugh for repairing of the said brig, as lykwayis grantis licence to the brugh of Dysart to impetrat ane impost of our souerane lord for the space of sevin zeiris according to the impost grantit to the brugh of Crail, vpoun the conditiouns specyfeit and contenit in the actis of licenceis of impostis to be speciale ingrossit in the extract heirof.

Impost. Sanctandrois, Dysart.

36. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris exemis the brugh of Elgyne fra the nixt conventioun generall at Air, inrespect of the far distance, vnder conditioun that he satiffe Iames Wynram and the burrowis all soumeis awand be thame to the burrowis betuixt and Alhallowmes nixt, and send to the nixt conventioun the agentis testemoniall thairvpoun, vtherwayis the said exemptioun to be null.

Exemptio Elgeyn.

37. The samyn day, ordanis Iames Wynram, agent, to pay to Patrik Boncle clerk to this brugh the soume of tuenty pundis for his panis tane in directing of the missuieis, and the samyn salbe allowit in his comptis.

Precept, Agent. Boncle.

38. The samyn day, desertis and desoluis this present conwentioun, and appointis and affixis the nixt conventioun generall to be begun and haldin at the brugh of Air the fyft day of Iulij nixtocum, with contenewatioun of

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dayis, and ordanis the commissioner of the said brugh to intimy the samyn to thair magistratis to the effect thai may direct missiueis as vse is.

Mr Wm. Russell, moderator.
Thomas Fyscher.
George Foulis.
A. Ray.
Mr William Wemyss for Sanctandrois.
Andro Ker for Linlythgow.
Iohnne Lokhert for Air.
William Hardie for Montros.
P. Wemyss for Dysert.
Ihone Rowand, Kynghorne.
Iohnne Forrett for Cullros.
An. Wilsone.
Iohnne Traill for Dundee.
Mr Thomas Menzes for Aberdene.
Archibald Alschundeir for Sterling.
Mathow Trumble for Glesgow.
Iames Andersone for Cowpair.
Williame Wilkine for Lanerk.
Williame Pratus for Dumfermling.
Ihone Douglas.
Iohne Liche for Breichen.
Ihone Hacket for Kyrkcaldy.
William Scott for Irewyn.
Iohne Wilkine for Hadingtoun.
G. Annand for Elgin.
G. Durie for Innerkething.
Wilzam [Blak] for Anstrother Ester.
Andro Meluill.
Walzm Symsone.
William Ryn commissioner for Forfar, with my hand led be the notar vndervrittn at my command becaus I can nocht wryte.
Ita est Ioannes Nesbet notarius publicus testibus hac mea subscriptione manualibus. Io. Nisbet.

In the Particular Conventioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at Edinburgh the aucht day of Iulij, j^m vj^c and ane zeirs, be the Commissioneris of Burrowis vnderwritten, be vertew and power of the acts maid in the Generall Conventioun of Burrowis haldin at Sanctandrois in Iulij instant, anent the affairis vnderwrittin. EDINBURGH, 8th, 10th July 1601.

EDINBURGH, Henry Nisbet, Richart Doby, George Hereott, zounger, Ihonn Harlaw; Perth, Androw Raa; Dundie, Ihonn Fynlawsoun; Abirdeyne, Maister Thomas Meyngyeis; Stirling, Iames Schort; Linlythgow, Andro Ker; Air, Ihonn Lokkert; Glasgow, Iames Forret, baillie.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foresaidis electet, creatt, and constitute, Henry Nesbet, first in the commissioun of Edinburgh, thair moderatour induring this present conventioun. Moderatour.

The sam day, comperit Iames Forret, baillie of Glasgow, and commissioner for the burrowis directet to pas to France with his maiesties imbassadour, the Duik of Lennox, for doungetting of the customes of France, and promist that he sall deputt nane within the realme to collect the imposts grantet to him for his expenssis bot sic as ar friemen, burgessis of the burgh quhair the sam is vpliftet, and that sall be ansuerabill to the burghis, and in Deip nane bot the factoures thair. Forret, customes in France.

The sam day, ordanis Iames Wynrhame, agent, to extract furth of the acts of secreitt counsall the act maid in Februarij last, anent the restrayntt of the woll, to be producet in this present conventioun, and gif ane croune of the sone for the sam, with the drink syluer, quhilk sall be allowet in his compte. Precept, agent, Woll.

Decimo Iulij I^m vj^c j°.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foresaidis after long conference had with Gabriell Byschop, Flemyng, at Norvishe, for him self and his partineris, Clayth makers contract. Transporting, remaning.

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anent thair cuming to this realme and vsing of thair craft in making of braid clayth and other stuffes, agreyet at lenth with him and causet pen and forme ane contract betuix him and thame thairanent, quhilk wes presentlie subscryvet; and becaus it is appoyntet that the said strayngers sal mak thair first residence in Edinburgh, and that thai ar to be brocht in and plantet vpoun the expenssis of the haill burrowes, thairfoir the saidis commissioners hes thocht expedient, agreyet, and ordanet, that the brugh of Edinburgh sall caus the said Gabriell and his parteneris transport them selffis fra Edinburgh or ony vther brugh quhair thai salbe derectit be the generall conwentioun, vpoun the brughis expenssis quhair thai pas, for instructing thair pepill and exerceing thair craft thairin, and that euere brugh sall haue preuelege to send thair craftismen to be instructit be the strangeris foirsaidis thair moneth about, as thai stand in the extent roll, to the brugh of Edinburgh or quhair the straingeris salbe resident for the tyme, and quha omitis thair monethe sall tyne thair place quhill it cum about agane; and Edinburgh efter the satling of the saidis strangeris within thair brugh to aduerteis Perthe and Dundy thairof, and Dundy to aduerteis Aberdein.

Precept, Edinburgh, Clayth makers.

The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Edinburgh to delyuer to Gabriell Bischop, Flemeing, weawer, the soume of tuenty pundis scottis, to be imployit be him vpoun ane persoun to be send for his pairtineris, and the samyn to be allowit to them in thair present comptis.

Perth, Dundie.

The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris, efter lang conference with the commissioneris of the brughis of Perthe and Dundy anent the contrauerseis and grudgeis standand betuixt them, and efter sichting of thair commissiouns and powiris to submit the samyn to the burrowis, hes offerit and offeris them selffis reddy to tak painis and trauellis to tak away all grudgeis betuixt the saidis tua brughis, according to the act grantit at the last generall conventioun haldin at Sanctandrois, and in particular to tak away the grudge of the priorite quhilk thai fynd sould be comprehendit vnder the generalite of the said act, and the saidis commissioneris of the brugh of Perthe refuissit to submit except that particular of the priorite war left furth, becaus it is nocht contenit in thair commissioun, and becaus it is alreddy decydit be ane decreit gevin be the burrowis as thai alege, and the commissioneris of the brugh of Dundy war content to submit to the burrowis that and all vther thair contrauerseis and grudgeis according to the said

act of burrowis, and thairfoir the comissioneris presentle conwenit remitis this mater to the consideratioun of the nixt generall conventionn.

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Twelf Flemyings of Leydin.

The samyn day, anent the tuelff Flemingis send hame be Alexander Hunter for making of claithis and stuffis, the saidis commissioneris hes tane ordour with thame in maner following, to witt, vnderstanding that Iurean Nickerin, scherer, will nocht remane, thairfoir thai ordane Alexander Hunter to depesche him hamewart vpoun the burrowis expenssis, according to his conditioun, and anent the rest thay haue distributit them amangis the burrowis following, to be resauit be thair present commissioneris presentle and transportit to thair brughis, thair to be imployit and put to wark, and the rest of the burrowis to be exonerit of the saidis persouns and thair expenssis fra the (*blank*) day of Iulij instant exclusiue; that is to say, Edinburgh ressauit Iohne Sturman, camber, Cristian de Peill, wewar; Perthe, Jaques de le Rudge, camber and spyner, Jacob Petirsoun, scherar, Abigaill Vanhort, spyner woman; Dundy ressauit Claus Losseir, sherer, Cornelius Dermis, weawer, Henre de Turk, spyner and wewar; Air ressauit George Baert, plotter and camber, Iaques Claers, weawer, and Arane Iansoun, sherer; and the said brugh of Air lenis to the said brugh of Edinburgh the said Arran Iansoun for sex monethis; the said brugh of Dundy lenis to the said brugh of Edinburgh the said Henre de Turk quhill the wark be satillit; quhilk distributioun was intimit to the saidis commissioneris and strangeris, quhairwith ather of the saidis parteis war content, and in takin thairof tuik vtheris be the handis.

Articles to the kingis grace anent the clayth making.

The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris caussit pen and set doun the artikleis vnderwittin quhilk thai haue agreit to be presentit to his maieste and lordis of secret counsale to be approwin and allowit, off the quhilk the tennour followis :—

Artikleis desyrit be the Burrowis of his Maiestie, in the wark of making of claith, interprysit be thame, without the quhilk the wark is nocht habill to tak effect.

1. FIRST, the act of the restraint of woll maid in Februar last to be keipit and put to executioun, and ordanit to be apprewin in parliament, and that the brughis haue pouir and liberty aganis thair nichtbouris, contrauenaris thairof, as thai sall think expedient.

2. That to forther this vertewous wark na exactioun, custom, nor

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dewty be tane nor imposit vpoun the claithe and vther stuffis maid or to be maid within the realm and nocht transportit furth thairoff.

3. That the weseting, trying, comptrolling, and seilling of the claith and stuffes be commitit to the magistratis of the brugh quhair the samyn is wrocht, and thair deputis, for quhome thai salbe haldin to ansuer, and to na vtheris, and giff ony giftis be past in preiudice thairof that thai be anullit and dischargit.

4. Becaus the burrowis and strangeris hes imployit, and hes forder to imploy, Alexander Hunter in the fortherance of this commoun caus, that thairfoir his Maiestie will tak the said Alexander in his grace protectioun, vntrublit and molestit for the dettis of Thomas Foulis and Robert Iovsy, for quhome he is onle cautioner, quhill his Maiestie tak ordour for payment thairof.

Precept, Edinburgh, Guthre.

The samyn day, ordanis the thesaurer of the brugh of Edinburgh, and Iohn Nesbett in his name, as vplifter of the soume of aucht hundrethe pundis, to pay to Maister Alexander Guthre, generall clerk to the burrowis, for his painis tane in this particular conventioun, the soume of tuenty pundis, and allowis to the said Iohne Nesbet for his pains the soume of ten merkis, quhilk soume salbe thankfulle allowit to the said Iohn in his comptis.

Vndecimo Iulij millesimo sexcentesimo primo.

Precept, Edinburgh, Claythmakers, Norwiche.

The quhilk day, the commissioners of burrowes foresaidis be thir presents grantis and gevis to Gabriel Byschopp, Flemying, at Norviche, and interpryser of the wark of the makin of braid clayth and stuffes within the realm, the soume of ane hunder pundis money as avancit before hand, and to be presentle payit to him in pairt of payment of the soume of fyftein hunder pund promittet to him and his partiners be the mutuall contract within ane moneth nixt after thair arryving, and thairfoir ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh and Patrik Eleis thair thesaurer to mak him payment thairof and the sam salbe allawit in the compts of his debursements alreddie maid, and forder thai gif and frele grantis to the said Gabriel and his partiners the soum of ane hunder pund money, by and attour the soum of thre thowsand punds mentionat in the said contract, to be payet within ane

fourtein dayes nixt after thair arryving at Edinburgh, and this for paying of thair fraucht and for transporting of thaimselffis, thair wyffis, bayrnis, geir, and warklomes, and in contentation and full satifactioun of all things that thai may craif of the burrowes by the contract foresaid, and ordanis and airnestlie desyres the said burgh of Edinburgh to mak them payment of the said soum, and the same sall be allowet to thame in the said fiftein hunder pund in the plaice of the hunder pund aboue mentionat, advanceit to the said Gabriel befor hand for prepayring of his hous and warklomes, becaus he remaynis in this brugh to set fordward the wark.

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The sam day, vnderstanding that Alexander Hunter, quha wes directet be the burgh of Edinburgh for hamebringing of the strangers to mak clayth, hes lent and advancet to thame vpoun obligatiouns the sowmes following: to witt:—to George Bawert 36 guidlings, Ihonn Stirman ane guidling, Abigael Vanhurst ane guidling, Henry de Turk 16 guidlings, Christiane de Peill 50 guidlings, Iacob Claers 30 guidlings, Gellis Pakket 43 guildings, Iuirane Knykreyne 10 guidlings, Iacob Petersoun, Arrane Ianson, Claes Losser, ilk ane 10 guidlings, extending in the haill to twa hunder twenty foure guidlings, quhairof he taks allowance in his compte, the burrowes remitts and discharges to Abigael Vanhout her borrowet money and to Gellis Pakket his money, becaus he come nocht heir, and to Iuiriane Knikrene his sowme becaus he is presently to depart, and as to the rest ordanis the said Alexander to delyuer the obligatiouns to the agent.

Hunter, Claythmakers, Leydin.

The sam day, ordanis Alexander Hunter to gif to Iuriane Knikrene, Fleming, the soume of twenty pund to pay his fraucht and mak his expenssis quhill he passis away, quhilk sall be allowet to the said Alexander in his compte, and the said Alexander to se him schippet and agrie with the skipper and nocht to the said Iuriane quhill he be schippet.

Precept, Hunter, Flemyng.

The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris haifing sene, futet, calculat, and alreddy allowit the comptis of Patrik Heleis, thesaurer of the brugh of Edinburgh, of the soumeis ressauit and deburset be him vpoun awancement of the wark of the making of claithe and for the strangeris, be the said brugh, send hame to that effect, thay find the said brugh and their said thesaurer to be superexpendit in the soume of twa hundrethe fourtie thre pundis, and alsua haifing hard and futet the comptis of Alexander Hunter of the soumes debursit be him in the said mater thai find him superexpendit the soume of twa hundrethe fourscore fyve pundis alewin

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schillingis aucht penneis, quhilk twa soumeis with the annuell thairof quhill Mertymes nixt, extending to the soume of thrette thre pundis, will amunt and extend to the soume of fyve hundrethe thre scoir twa pundis, quhilk soume the saidis commissioneris for themselffis and thair saidis brughis and as haifing commissioun of the haill burrowis of this realm, be ane act of the generall conventioun of burrowis haldin at Sanctandrois the [3d] day of Iulij instant, bindis and obliesis thair saidis brughis and haill burrowis of this realm to refound, content, and pay to the said brugh of Edinburgh, for thame selffis and in name of the said Alexander Hunter, betuixt this and Mertymes nixt, to be payit be euerie brugh of the realm according to the extent roll of the burrowis, and are content that lettres of horneing vpoun ane simple charge of thre dayes alanerlie be impetrat vpoun this present act, and forder and for the better payment of the said soume and without preiudice of the execution foirsaid, thay gewe thair powir and commissioun to the brugh of Edinburgh to set ane generall extent vpoun the said haill burrowis of the realm for the said soume according to the extent roll, and be thair missue to aduerteis ilk brugh of the premissis and to desyre them to send thair pairt of the said soume to the said brugh betuixt and the terme of Mertymes nixt, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis to be payit to the said brugh of Edinburgh incais thai failzie, quhairin they sall haue powir and commissioun be thir presentis to adiudge the brughis failzeand the said day in the said vnlaw, for the quhilk unlawis the said brugh of Edinburgh sall be comptable to the haill burrowis at the nixt generall conventioun so far as thai sall get payment thairof.

Edinburgh, Claythmakers, Norviche, Burrowes, Precept.

The samyn day, forsamekle as the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, for thair saidis brughis and haifand powir and commissioun of the haill burrowis of this realm, be ane act of thair generall conventioun of burrowis haldin at Sanctandrois vpoun the [3d] day of Iulij instant, hes contractit with Gabriell Bischope, Fleming, at Northviche in Ingland, for the making of braid claithis and stuffis within this realm be himself and his pairteneris, and for doing thairof hes promittit to pay to thame the soume of thre thousand pundis in maner following, to witt, fyftene hundrethe pundis within ane moneth nixt efter thair arryving within the realm, and the rest within zeir and day thairefter, at tua equall and seuerall termes, as the contract maid thairvpoun proportis, and for keiping of the saidis dyattis

to the saidis strangeris, the saidis commissioneris in name of the haill burrowis eirnestle desyrit the said brugh of Edinburgh to burrow the samyn vpoun annuell and mak payment to the saidis strangeris at the days affixcit, and be thir presentis bindis and oblissis them and the haill burrowis of this realm, as haifand commissioun as said is, to refound and pay the said soume agane to the said brugh at the saidis thre termeis with the annuell that it sall happen them to gif or promit thairfore as thai can best agre, to be payit be ilk brugh for thair awin pairt according [to] the taxt roll of burrowis, and ar content and consentis that our souerane lordis lettres, with the executioun of horneing vpoun ane simple chairge of thre dayis alanerly be purchest heirvpoun; and forder and for the mair reddy payment to be maid to the said brugh of the saidis soumeis, and without preiudice of the executioun foirsaid, they desyre the said brugh of Edinbrugh to sett ane extent roll vpoun the haill burrowis for thair pairtis of the saidis soumeis; and sua sone as the saidis strangeris sall happin to arryve within this realm be thair missiue billis to aduerteis ilk brugh of the samyn and of thair partis of the said soume, desyring them to send the samyn to the said brugh for thair releif agane the saidis dayis, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of twenty pundis at ilk terme of the saidis thre termeis by and attour the payment of the said principall soume and annuell to be payit to the said brugh in name of the burrowis, quhairin the said brugh of Edinbrugh sall haue powir and commissioun be thir presentis to adiudge the burgh failzeand at the said day or dayis, for the quhilk vnlaw thai salbe comptable to the burrowis at thair nixt generall conventioun, prouyding awayis that the brughis that sall pay thair partis of the principall sume foirsaid betuixt and the said day thai to be fre of the annuell and vnlaw foirsaid, and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

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The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris haifing hard, sene, futeit, calculat, and allowit the comptis of Iames Wynraham thair agent, thay fynd the burrowis detfull to him in the soume of tua hundrethe fourscore saxtene pundis ten schillingis aucht penneis money, off the quhilk some thai ordane ilk brugh at the nixt generall conventioun to send thair pairtis of the some of tua hundrethe pundis in pairt of payment of his saidis restis according to the taxt roll vnder the pane of xx li., and the said Iames to be chairgit with the vnlawis mentionat in his compt, and this to be ane

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heid of the nixt missiue, and the burrowis to haue consideratioun of the want of his money and debursing thairof.

Fyschear compts.

The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris haifing hard, sene, futit, calculatt, and allowet the comptis of Thomas Fischer, merchand, anent the duty and impost vpliftit be him and his collectouris baith in Scotland and France sen the futeing of his last comptis, thai fynd the said Thomas superexpendet the soume of threttе seuin pundis ten schillingis, and for payment thairof ordanis the said Thomas to vplift and ressaue fra the merchandis quha com last hame thair haill impost and dewty quhilk thai sould haue payit, and the said Thomas to be comptabill to the burrowis of the superplus.

Henry Nisbett for Edinburgh.
Richard Doby.
Al. Ray, commissioner for Perth.
Andro Ker for Linlythgow.
I. Forret for Glasgo.
Iohnne Lockhart for Air.
G. Heriote, younger, for Edinburgh.
Io. Findlasoun, commissioner for Dunde.
Mr Thomas Menzes, commissionar for Aberdene.
Iames Schort for Sterling.

Edinburgh. 10th August 1601.

In the Particulare Conventioun of Burrowes, begun and haldin at Edinburgh the tent day of August the zeir of God 1m vjc and ane zeirs, be the Commissioneris vnderwrittin, for the caussis efter specyfeit; Compeirit the saidis Commissioneris and producit their commissiounis, to witt:

EDINBRUGH, Henre Nesbett, Richard Doby, Patrik Sandelandis; Dundy, William Goldman; Perthe, (*blank*); Aberdein, Alexander Rutherfurd,

provest; Linlythgow, Androw Ker; Stirling, Walter Cowane; Air, (*blank*); Glasgow, Mathow Trumbill,

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The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis being conwenit, anent the missiue direct vnto thame from his maiestie and lordis of secret counsale, quhairof the tenour followis: Trustie freindis we greit zow weill: The wark of the making of the claithe, with the libertie and priueledgeis thairof, being commitit to zow be the estaitis of this realm, and ane effectuall and constant prosecution of that wark and bringing the samyn to soume perfectioun being expectet and lookit for at zour handis, we fynd that mater nocht so cairfulle and dewtefulle haldin hand to as we hoipit for, bot the few number of strangeris alreddy cumit hame, quha ar bot ane company nocht able to mak ane perfectioun in the wark, separatit, and, as we heir, hardle enterteynzit, to the grit discourageing of them selffis and of all vtheris strangeris to repair within this realm, quhilk being ane mater dishonorable to the cuntry, hurtfull to the common weill, and verray preiudiciall to his maieste in his hienes customeis, we can nocht bot se the samyn repairit, and thairfoir thir presentis ar to requeist and desyre effecteousle that ze faill nocht, all excuissis sett asyid, to direct zour commissioneris heirvpoun, to conweyne with the rest of the aucht brughis to quhome we haue written to this effect, at Edinburgh the tent day of August nixt, sufficiently instructit to se this mater of the claith put to ane point, the strangeris alreddy cumit hame sett to wark, and thair expenssis and chairgis defrayit, and all vther thingis quhilk may importe the perfectioun of this wark tane ordour with, conforme to the conditiouns acceptit and vndertane be zour selffis at the last conwentioun of the estaitis, assuring zow that gif we fynd nocht that dew conformete in zow to fulfill the saidis conditiouns, and to bring this mater to ane settled perfectioun as was conditioned be zow, that the counsale will commit the wark to vtheris and spuilze zow of all liberte and preueledge thairof; sua luiking for zour conformete heirin, and that zour commissioneris will preceisle keip the said day, we commit zow to the protectioun of God, from Edinburgh this 24th Iuly 1601. *Et sic subscribitur*, MUNTROIS, Cancellarius Secretarius. With the quhilkis the saidis commissioneris being adwyssit, findis guid that the strangeris brocht hame be haldin togidder and put to wark within this brugh of Edinbrugh, and thair expenssis to be borne of the haill burrowis, baith bygane and to

Moderatour.

Rex Missiue.

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cum, quhill forder ordour be tane be the aucht burrowis or ony fyve of them vpoun aduerteisment of the said brugh of Edinbrugh.

Henry Nisbett for Edinbrugh.
Richard Doby.
W. Goldman for Dondie.
Walter Cowane.
Androw Ker for Linlythgow.
Matthow Trumbill for Glasgow;
Allexander Rutherfurd for Aberdein.
Patrik X Sandelandis mark.

Cowper, 5th October 1601.

In the Particular Conwentioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Couper in Fyfe, the fyft day of October I^m sex hundrethe and ane zeiris, be the Commissioneris vnderwritten, for the caussis efter specyfeit: Compeirit the saidis commissioneris and producit their commissiouns as followis:

EDINBRUGH, Thomas Geddes, merchand, Iames Forman, watter baillie; Dundy, Robert Fleschour, baille, Androw Fleshour, Robert Watsoun, skipper; Kinghorne, Iohnne Kirkcaldy, baillie; Kirkcaldy, Dauid Huchesoun, baillie, Iohnne Hackett; Anstruther Eister, William Blak; Anstruther Wester, Androw Meluill, baillie.

Electioun of the moderatour.

1. The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis electis, creatis, and constitutis Robert Fleshour thair moderatour during this conwentioun, quha acceptit the samyn and gaue his aith in *communi forma.*

Burrowis vnlawet.

2. The samyn day, findis the brughis vnderwrittin and ilk ane of them to haue incurrit the pane and vnlaw of fourte pundis, viz., the brughis of Sanctandrois, Dysart, Pittinweyme, Craill, for nocht compeirance to this present conwentioun as thai that war citit thairto, *apud acta,* be ane act of the last generall conventioun, maid anent the skipperis and marineris of shipis, for the quhilk the commissioneris ar presentle convenit be wertew of the said act.

Sexto Octobris I^{m} vj^{c} primo.

3. The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaid haifing red and considerit the 18 act of the last generall conventioun haldin at Sanctandrois, be the quhilk the mater of the maisteris and marineris of shipis, thair grewis and remedeis thairof, was referrit to this present conventioun, conforme to the said act maid thairanent, for obedience quhairoff thay, with awyse of the skipperis of shipis presentle conveynit with them, hes sett doun certane artikleis in wryte conteneing thair adwyse and judgement thairanent, subscryuit presentle be them and delyuerit to Maister Alexander Guthre thair generall clerk, to be presentit to the nixt general conventioun to be sene and considerit be thame, without preiudice to alter and reforme the samyn as salbe fund maist expedient for the weill of the haill realm. CUPAR, 6th October 1601. Skippers, mariners.

4. The samyn day, the commissioneris presentle convenit ordanis that it be ane heid of the nixt generall missiue desyring the burrowis to send thair commissioneris sufficientle instructit to gif ansuer to the desyre of the brughis of the coist syde of Fyfe, craveing the supporte and concurrence of the rest of the burrowes for impeiding and steying of certane new exactiouns crawit of them be certane sercheris, depute be the comptroller, contrair the preueledgeis of the burrowes. Burrowes of Fyfe. Missiue.

Thomas Geddes. Dauid Hutchon.
Iames Forman. Ihone Hacket.
R. Flescher. Andro Meluill.
A. Flescher. Wilzam Blak.
Iohne Kyrkcaldy.

Apud Air.

Ayr, 5th July 1602.

In the Generall Conwentioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Air, the fyft day of Iulij I^m. vj^c. and tua zeris, Compeirit the Commissioneris vnderwrittin, and producit thair commissiounis in maner following, to wit:

Edinbrugh, Nynian Makmoran, baillie, George Heriot, eldar, goldsmythe; Perthe, Iames Adamesoun, merchand; Dundy, Iohnne Sewane, merchand; Aberdein, Maister Alexander Culane, baillie; Sterling, Iohne Castellaw, baillie; Lynlythgow, Androw Ker, clerk; Glasgow, Iames Forret, baillie, Mathow Trumbull; Sanctandrois, Androw Watsoun, thesaurer; Dysart, Maister Iohnne Weymiss; Air, Alexander Lokart of Bokhall, provest, Dauid Fergushill, George Cocherane, ane of the bailleis; Hadingtoun, Iames Kirkwod, baillie; Kirkcaldy, Dauid Huchesoun, baillie; Munros, (*blank*); Couper, Petir Andersoun, merchand; Anstruther Eister, Dauid Burnesyid; Dumfries, Adame Corsaue; Innernes, (*blank*); Brechin, (*blank*); Irewin, Nyniane Barklay, prowest; Elgyne, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be the agent; Jedbrugh, (*blank*); Kirkcudbricht, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Wigtoun; Wigtoun, Mychall Cochrane, baillie; Pittinweyme, Thomas Dischingtoun, baillie; Dumferling, Robert Patoun; Dumbartane, (*blank*); Renfrow, William Somerwell, clerk; Lanerik, William Wilkyne; Arbrothe, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Dundy; Brunteland, Maister William Sym; Peblis, Nynian Lowis; Carraill, Alane Cwnnighame; Kinghorne, Iohn Reid; Tayne, (*blank*); Selkirk, Iames Scott; Anstruther Wester, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Pittinweyme; Culros, (*blank*); Dumbar, William Kellie, thesaurer; Banff, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Aberdein; Quhithorne, Iohnne Gowane of Skeoch, provest; Forfar, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be the agent; Rossay, (*blank*); Forres, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Aberdein; Ruglein, Alane Pinkertoun, eldar; Northeberuik, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Hadingtoun; Culane, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Aberdein; Narne, (*blank*); Lawder, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Peblis; Inner-

keything, George Durie, clerk ; Kilrany, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Anstruther Eister ; Sanquhar, (*blank*). Ayr, 5th July 1602.

1. The samyn day, electis, creatis, and constitutis Alexander Lokart, provest of the brugh of Air, first in the commissioun thair[of], moderatour, quha comperand gawe his aith in *communi forma.* Moderatour.

Iohnne Masoun, common clerk of the brugh of Air, weryfeit the lauchfull citatioun of the haill burrowis to this present conwentioun, be delyuerance of the generall missiue as vse is, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis. Verificatioun of the citatioun.

2. The samyn day, the saidis commisioneris appointis the houris of thair conwentioun to be ilk day at aucht houris, efter the prayeris, and vpoun the preiching dayis at sewin houris in the morneing and at tua houris efternone, to contenew quhill sex houris at evin, and ane bell to be rung the space of ane quarter of ane hour preceiding the saidis houris, and the persouns that salbe absent at the ceissing of the bell and calling of the rollis to pay ilk ane vj s. viij d., and siclyk that na persoun sall speak without licence of the moderatour nor mixt ressoneing with woitting, vnder the pane foirsaid. Statut. Meting. Speiking.

3. The samyn day, decernis the brughis vnderwrittin and ilk ane of them in ane vnlaw of xx li. for nocht comperance to this present conventioun, being warnet thairto be the general missiue as vse is, viz., the brughis of Munros, Jedburgh, Culros, Brechin, Dumbartane, and ordanis James Wynram, agent, to vplift the samyn, quhairwith he is to be chairgit in his comptis. Burrowes vnlawet. chairge agent.

4. The quhilk day, anent the mater of the conseruator, mentionat in the xxvj act of the last conwentioun, James Wynrame, agent, maid faith that he had warnet the conseruatour to this present conwentionn to haue ansuerit to the complaints quhilkis ar and sould have bene gevin in aganis him, and for all uther thingis quhilk of his office he aucht to do and fulfil to the burrowis, quha comperit nocht nor nane in his name, and vnderstanding that be actis of parliament he is obleist anis in the zeir to cum within the realm, for caussis mentionat in the act maid thairanent, vnder the pane of tynsell of his office ; And that Maisier Robert Dennelstoun, present conseruatour, is, be ane speciall act of burrowis subscryuit with his hand, oblissit to ressaue at thair handis quhatsumeuir instructiouns, [and]iniunctiouns that thai wald giff him for the honour of the natioun, and vnderstanding alsua that thair is dyuerssis inhabitantis of the saidis burrowis verray plenteous of Conseruatour. Agent.

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him for sindre enormetis done by him in his office, thairfoir thay ordane Iames Wynram, agent, caus mak lauchfull warneing in dew tyme, be adwyse of the brugh of Edinbrugh or ony vtheris that pleissis to concur, to the said conseruatour, to compeir before the commissioneris of burrowis in thair generall conwentioun, quhair it sall happin to be haldin for the tyme, conforme to the said act of parliament and actis of burrowis foirsaid, to rander compt of his proceidingis and gouernement in his said office for the weill of the natioun, and to ressaue and vnderly sic iniunctions as salbe gevin to him be the burrowis; and, last, to ansuer to the particular complaintis of particular partiis to be gevin in aganis him that iustice may be munistrat vpon them as accordis; and ordanis the commissioneris present of ilk brugh to aduerteis thair nichtbouris, plenteous of the said conseruatour, to giff in to the generall clerk thair particular grewis and complaintis aganis him to be presentit to the nixt generall conwentioun, and gif neid beis to comper be thair procuratours to follow and persew the samyn, and that Iames Wynram, agent, reporte his delegence to the nixt conventioun of the warneing of the said conseruitour in maner foirsaid.

At the burgh of Hadingtoun the fyft day of Iulij nixt.

Missiue.

5. The samyn day, anent the mater of vnfre traffiqueris, saillers without tickettis, regrateris and foirstallers, and outlandis burgessis, mentionat in the 28 act of the last convention, ordanis, as of before, ilk brugh to send with thair commissioner to the conwentioun generall thair delegence in wrytt, mair particulare, of restraining and pvneissing of vnfre traffiqueris, sailleris without tikettis, regratouris and foirstalleris in thair bounds, of depryueing thair outlandis burgessis, with thair nameis and placeis quhair thai duell, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and forther, statutis and ordanis that na brugh tak vpoun thame to grant ony owirsicht, tollerance, or dispensatioun to thair outlandis burgessis to duell or remayne without the brugh, or vse ony tred or traffik, without thai haue thair actuall remaining and residence within the brugh, and that thai ressaue na taxatioun nor guid deid of thair depryweit burgessis, bot that thai caus thair nameis to be delet furth of thair buikis and call in thair burges tickettis, cancell and destroy the samyn, that vther burrowis be nocht abusit be the saidis deprywit burgessis, and the brugh quhais magistratis salbe fund to haue contrauenit this present ordinance at ony tyme heirefter to pay ane vnlaw of ane hundrethe pundis to the burrowis *totiis quotiis*, and that ilk

Regraters, forestallers, vnfremen. Missiue.

Statute, ouersicht of owtlands burgessis. Missiue.

commissioner present mak intimatioun of this act to thair brugh that thai pretend na ignorance, and that delegence be reportit thairof at the nixt conventioun, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue; and also ordanis the brugh of Couper to reporte further delegence in depryueing of thair outlandis burgessis, and speciale Iohnn Strawchane in Lewin, quhome thai vnderstand to vse the liberty of ane fre burges and owirsene be thame, vnder the pane of fourty pundis, and this to be ane heid of the next missiue.

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Couper. Missiue.

6. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun and complaint gevin in before them be Robert Houstoun and Cristell Cayrnis, maltmen and burgessis of Sterling, aganis the pretendit deykin of the maltmen of the said brugh and certane his collegis, for vsurpeing the said office of deykinship, prohibite be actis of parliament, and for debarring of the saidis compleneris to vse that calling, thai being burgessis of the said brugh; the commissioneris of burrowis ordanis the provest and bailleis of the said brugh of Sterling to discharge the said pretendit deykin and his bretheren of all vsurpeing of the said office, and of all trubling and molesting of the saidis compleneris and vtheris inhabitantis of the said brugh, burgessis and fremen of the samyn, in the peciable vseing and occupying of the tred of making of malt at thair plesour, thay keipand the lawis and statutis of the brugh, and that thai fortefe, manteyne, and defend in thair said liberty aganis the saidis vsurpers, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of twenty pundis sa oft as thai failze, the ane half to the burrowis vse and the vther half to the party compleneand.

Howston, Cayrnis, Maltmen of Stirling.

7. The samyn day, vnderstanding that thair is in the handis of the brugh of Perthe ane chairtour maid be king Dauid, vnder his grit seill, to the haill burrowis of this realm, and thairfoir worthie to be keipit in memorie and renewit, for this caus they fynd expedient and ordanis that the said brugh of Perthe delyuer the said chairtour to Iames Wynram, agent, and the said Iames vpoun the expenssis of the haill burrowis to obteyne the said chairtour lauchfulle transumit att the sicht of the brugh of Edinbrugh, and, gif it may be possible, to obteyne the samyn confermeit in parliament with *de nouo damus*, and the said Iames to reporte his delegence thairvpoun to the nixt generall conwentioun, and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Perth. Burrowes. Chairtour. Agent. Edinburgh. Missiue.

8. The samyn day, compeirit Nynian Barklay, prowest and commissioner for the brugh of Irewin, and desyrit the resolutioun of the burrowis to know

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and vnderstand quhat guidis and wairis is comprehendet vnder the name of stapill wairis, the saidis commissioneris, efter lang conferrence and ressoneing, findis and declairis that, according to the consuetude of merchandrice in all tymeis bygane, all merchandrice quhilk payis custome, alsweill brocht within the realm as transportit furth of the samyn, is and hes bene callet, repute, and haldin stapill guidis and wairis, quhairvpoun the said commissioner askit actis and instrumentis of this present conventioun.

Commissio anent the brughis of Barony.

9. The samyn day, gewis powir and commissioun to the commissioneris of burrowis, quha sall conveyne at the conventioun of the estaitis haldin at Edinburgh the fyftene day of Iulij instant, as thai sall fynd opportunite, to lament and regrait to the kingis maiestie the decay of the estait of burrowis many wayis, and namele be the new purchest erectiouns of brughis of barronyis with the haill liberteis of fre burrowis, to the grit preiudice of his maieste, and thairfoir to traueil with his maieste and officeris of estait and all vther persouns neidfull be the best adwyse and counsell thai can obteyne for remeid heirof in dew tyme.

Irewyne, support.

10. The samyn day, anent the desyre of the brugh of Irewin, mentionat in the [34] act of the last conwentioun, craweand help of the grit expenssis maid be them aganis vnfre touns in obteneing decreit of thair caus before the lordis, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis desyris the said brugh of Irewin, be the awyse of the bailleis of Edinbrugh and agent, to insist eirnestly in the said actioun and to be delegent and circumspect theirin as ane thing tending to the weill of the haill burrowis, incais the samyn be evictit and weill handillit; and promeissis, howsumewir the actioun proceidis to the finall end thairoff, thai behaueand themselffis prouident and delegent thairinto as saidis, to grant vnto thame sum supporte and help for defraying of thair expenssis in the said caus, and ordanis the commissioneris of the brughis of Sterling, Air, Glasgow, Wigtoun, to insist with thair magistratis to direct thair men of law and agentis in Edinbrugh to concure with the said brugh of Irewin and thair procuratours in the said actioun.

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Commissioneris to conventiouns.

11. The quhilk day, the commissioneris foresaids being convenit anent the mater of electing of commissioneris to parliaments, conventiouns of estaitts

and burrowis, mentionat in the generall missiue and 13 act of the last conventioun haldin at Sanctandrois, haiffing sene and consideret the delegence of ane greitt part of the burrowes in extracting of the twa acts maid thairanent and intimatioun thairof to the magistratts, for forder prosequiting of that mater, tending swa far to the weill of thair estaitt, they ordane, zitt as of before, thir brughs inspeciall, the brughis of Dundy, Sanctandrois, Cowper, Sterling, Dysart, Kirkcaldy, Munros, Anstruther Eister, Lanerik, Brunteland, Culros, Selkirk, Kinghorne, to reporte to the nixt generall conventioun thair delegence in writt vpoun the extracting of the tua acts maid in the said mater, with the attestatioun in writt of thair burgh of the intimatioun of the same to the magistrats and counsall, ilk burgh vnder the payne of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the next missiue.

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To exhibit and produce in the nixt generall conventioun ane mair exact attestatioun in writt of the lauchfull intimatioun of the saidis tua actis to the magistratis and counsale of thair said brughis, and regestering of the extractis thairof in thair court buikis that thai pretend na ignorance heirefter, vnder the pane ef twenty pundis ilk brugh, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

12. The samyn day, anent the mater of the brugh of Dysart, for productioun of thair erectioun and the maner of thair electioun, mentionat in the [9] act of the last conventioun general, findis that thair brugh hes done na sufficient delegence thairinto, and zit, for ressonable caussis moveing thame, thai dispens with thair present vnlaw, vpoun conditioun that thai sall exhibite and produce to the nixt generall conwentioun thair said principall chairtour to be sene and considerit be the burrowis, vnder the pane of tua hundreth pundis, contenit in the said act; and siclyk that thai produce in mair formall and speciall maner the electioun of thair magistratis and counsale, according to the actis of burrowis, vnder the pane of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Dysart, electioun of thair magistrats. Missiue.

13. The samyn day, anent the rowping of commoun guidis and ryding of the mercheis, mentionat in the [15] act of the last generall conventioun, ordanis, as of before, that ilk brugh at the said nixt conventioun schaw and produce ane antentik act of counsale, subscryuit be thair commoun clerk, of the rowpping and setting of thair commoun landis and commoun guid to the vtter awaill, the perambulating of thair mercheis, conforme to the actis

Commoun guids, commoun lands. Missiue.

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of burrowis maid thairanent, vnder the pane of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Statute, Skippers, Mariners, Merchants, Awneris.

14. The samyn day, anent the mater of the skipperis and marineris of schipis, mentionat in the generall missiue and thrid act of the particular conventioun of burrowis haldin at Couper in October last, the commissioneris presentle conwenit, haifing red and considerit the heidis and artikleis sett doun in wryte at the said particular conventioun, and thairwith being ryple awyssit, thay haue agreit thairto, and statute and ordanit thairvpoun in maner following.

In primis, Findis it ane grit abuse in the marineris quha ar nocht obedient to thair maisteris and skipperis of shipis throw craweing and desyring of wadgeis at thair awin plessour, — for remeid quhairof it is necessar that thai be payit as followis, viz.: at the begynning of thair weyage and afe breking fra Scotland thair half hyreis to be payit to them, conforme to the auld vse and consuetude, quhilk is ten schillingis scottis for the croun.

Item. The saidis marineris to haue in France at thair dischargeing or arrywing, being laydin with guidis, for ilk croun of the foirsaid croun thrette sowz.

Item. The saidis marineris to haue in Flanderis for ilk croun of the foirsaid croun xxiiij stuiris.

Item. The saidis marineris to haue in Ingland, cumane fra Burdeaux or ony vther pairt in France hamewart, nyne grottis, and fra Scotland outward to the said cuntrey of France as hes bene vse of auld.

Item. Findis the marineris sould haue, quhair ony schipis passis to the Eister seyis, ane scottis half hyre before thair away ganging, and being laydnit outward and the schip ressaueing full fraucht, in that cais the marineris to haue ane duche half hyre, to wit tuenty tua gros and ane half for ilk croun; and the schip nocht ressaueing ane full fraucht the marineris to haue alanerle ane vther scottis half hyre quhen thai cum hame; and findis that salt and coll sould be transportit fre without ony duche half hyre.

Item. The saidis marineris to haue the lyk hyreis in Spayne as thai haue in France, the schip being laidnit and ressaueing fraucht outward.

Item. Quhair the schip is laydnit vpoun the awneris awentour, ather in collis or ony vther the lyk wairis that may nocht beir ony forane nor na

scottis half hyreis, the cumpany to haue the thrid of the profeit gif thai dischairge thair ladining be the way and ballast agane to ony vther porte, allowand the scottis half hyre in the first end of the third, or ellis to haue ane vther scottis half hyre, and this to be at the optioun of the skipper or the awneris doar. AYR, 6th July 1602.

ITEM. In cais ony schip pas to Burdeaux to get ane fraucht and can nocht get the samyn thair, sua it pleissis the maister to transporte his schip to Rochell and lykwayis nocht fynding the commodite to leydin thair bot sall tak purpois to pas to Sancttewis or in ony vther pairtis in Spayne, in that cais findis the skipper sall pay in augmentatioun to the cumpany the quarter of the scottis half hyre in hand, and the cumpany to be subiect to serwe thairfoir, and the skipper and maister to pay alanerle at the porte of discharge conforme to the first hyreing, agreable to the ordour of the countrey quhair sche dischargis, dischargeing all vther augmentatioun that may be crawet thairfoir.

ITEM. In quhatsumeuir port of the foirnameit portis, the half hyre being payit conforme as is abouewrittin, the cumpany to serue hamewart or to ony vther port, quither the schip be laydnit or licht, att the will of the maister, and gif thai serwe outward and cum nocht hameward the saidis marineris to serwe the skipper of new as thai conditioned before thair outcuming from Scotland, to witt, the cumpany to haue na pairte of the retour in cais the skipper and awner obteyne ane retour of guidis to be transportit to the porte he passis to, and incais be the way betuixt portis the cumpany dischargeing the schipis ballast and ressaueing guidis and commodite for transporting of the samyn (all chairgis in obteneing the samyn being deducit), findis the cumpany aucht to haue the thrid thairof or ane scottis half hyre at the optioun of the maister.

ITEM. Gif the skipper and his cumpany pas fra the pairtis of Scotland to Burdeaux empty without ony guidis bot seikand ane fraucht, findis the skipperis and thair awneris sall nocht be astrikit in half hyre except sche ressaue frawcht thair.

ITEM. It sall nocht be lesum that ane forane half hyre and ane scotis half hyre be payit togidder at ane porte.

ITEM. For performeing of the premissis findis that na mariner sould leif his schip for ony occasioun may occur betuixt him and his maister, or ony vther way betuixt him and his collegis, or ony vther excuis that may

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be alegeit, sua lang as the maister can haue occupying and pay him his dew as is obouewrittin, bot sall remite the saidis contrauersies and grudgeis to be decyidit before the judge ordenar within the realm.

Item. Findis that na skipper sall ressaue nor hyre ane vther skipperis mariner without the mariner produce ane warrand of his last maister of his fredome and licence thairto, nather without the cuntrey or within the samyn; as lykwayis that na maister sall gif licence nor warrand to ony of his marineris for his dew discharge in the schip, it being tryit that he hes bene disobedient thairinto, quhilk, gif sua be, the skipper to pay to the awneris in that cais the soume of tuenty pundis.

Item. Findis it sall nocht be lesum to the marineris or cumpany of the schip to controll the maister thairof in cheissing of his cumpany few or many, or intaking or outputting of them att his awin plessour, or zit in frauchting or passing with his schip where he pleissis, vnder the pane of twenty pundis, by and attour the tynsell of thair hyre and portage.

Item. Findis gif ane schip sall pas to ony porte or portis to seik ane fraucht, and that the said fraucht be nocht habill to pay the cumpany's hyreis, in that cais thair scottis half hyreis being ressauit at hame salbe comptit, and that thai sall haue the fre thrid of the fraucht that the schip sall gett, the stock and chairgis being tane off, euerie ane as he is hyreit, according to the croun, in randering the scottis half hyre that he ressauit at hame without allowance of ony furing.

Item. Findis that nather salt nor coillis sall pay any awarice to the maister nor pryme gilt to the cumpany.

Item. Findis gif ane awner settis out his schip in daill furing, quhat twnis or lastage sche careis, the schip sall haue the iust thrid of quhatsumewir fraucht sche makis, and that hir pairt be fre of all thingis, resuerwand hir ankerage, and beknage, and gif sche haue ony ordenanceis in the schipe the schip sall nocht be haldin to fynd powder nor bullett bot only the daillis man.

Item. Gif the schip be laydnit with salt, corne, or ony vther girnell geir, the marineris portage to be put in girnell with the rest, and gif it be corne the samyn to be mett in with ane barrell and mett furth with the samyn barrell.

Item. Findis that sex bollis salt makis ane twn of furing hamewart and

outward, in ony vther countrey sex barrellis of Caleis mett makis ane twn. AYR, 6th July 1602.

ITEM. That the marineris sall haue thair sustentatioun alanerle of the skipperis and awneris bot vpoun sic dayis as thai salbe imployit in loissing or laidning or as thai salbe forder imployit in the effairis of the ship.

ITEM. Ather of the parteis contraueneand to pay ane vnlaw and to be imprissonit quhill the samyn be payit, to witt, the skipper the soume of tuenty pundis, and the mariner ten pundis, *totiis quotiis*, the ane half to the party offendit and interest, and the vther half to be vplifted and collectit be the iudgeis of the brugh quhair the actioun is decydit, and to be sent be thame to the nixt conventioun of burrowis with thair commissioner, and the saidis burrowis to caus the samyn be imployit vpoun thair decayit herbereis.

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THE said commissioners, willing to mak ane substantiell forme and ordour for mayntening and advanceing the tredd and handling be sey amang thame that hes to do thairwith, that euery ane may knaw thair dewteis to others, hes thairfore maid and sett furth the lawes, acts, and statutes following concerning the sam, to be obseruit and keipit be all merchandis, awneris, skipperis, and marineris of schipis, within this realm, in all tymeis cuming, vnder the payneis thairin contenit; and for the better authorising thairof that the commissioneris of burrowis, appointit to conveyne at Edinburgh the xv day of Iulij instant, obteyne the samyn confermeit and ratefeit be his maieste and estaitis, and publicatioun to be maid thairof, with the artikleis before rehersit, at the merkett croce of the said brugh that nane pretend ignorance.

Followis the saidis heidis:—

IN PRIMIS. That na skipper sall haue powir to fraucht his schip without the knawlege and consent of his awneris, gif thai be sua neir as he can mak them aduerteisment ather be word or wrytt, or vtherwayis that he consult and aduyse with the schipis clerk, his stirman, and with sum of his principall marineris of his cumpany, and quhasumewir dois in the contrair heirof, gif he be complenet vpoun, quhateuir he hes done or promist at his frauchting sall be of nane availl force nor effect, and he sall incur the pane

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and vnlaw of ane hunder merkis, *totiis quotiis*, the ane half to the pairty offendit and interest, and the vther half to be vpliftit and collectit be the iudgeis of the brugh quhair the actioun is decydit, and to be sent be thame to the nixt generall conwentioun with thair commissioner; and the saidis burrowis to caus the samyn be imployit vpoun thair decayit herbereis.

Item. That na mariner, ather throw slwithfulnes or ony vther contempt refuis to pas to the schip with his skipper, the wynd being guid, quhilk gif he do the skipper sall nocht be haldin to tary vpoun him langer nor he hes warneit him to that effect, sua that in his default the skipper may tyne ane guid wynd and the commodite thairof, in that cais it sall be lesum to the skipper to hyre ane vther in his place, and the said mariner that hes offendit sall gif and rander agane that quhilk he hes ressauit, togidder with the coistis that ar to be maid thairvpoun, and sall pay the soume of ten markis to be applyit in maner aboue writtin; and findis that the samyn law sall controll the steirman, and gif he haue nocht to pay he salbe wardit and pvnishit for his trespas be the magistraitis of the brugh quhair he duellis; attour, quhair ony mariner becums stubborne and dissobedient to the skipper vpoun the sey, in that cais findis the skipper hes powir to sett him vpoun land, and is licentiat to hyre ane vther in his place with the hyre and furing of the dissobedient mariner, and the said skipper to be fre of him.

Item. That na mariner be fund lying furth of the ship in the nicht without licence of the skipper, and the said mariner being complenit vpoun and fund in the wrang, sall pay the vnlaw of fourty schillings to be applyit in maner foirsaid, and siclyk gif thair cums ony skaith be slewth and negligence of the said mariner he salbe ansuerable thairfoir to the law according to the skaith sustenit.

Item. Gif ony skipper cum with his schip within ather raid or herbere and his cumpany desyuerand to be vpoun land, findis the half of them sall remayne in the schip and trewle attend and awaitt vpoun hir, and thai quhilk ar past to the land sall returne agane in dew tyme to the schip, and the persoun quha contemptiousle dois in the contrair and remanes vpoun the schoir without ane neidfull and ressonable caus and licence of the skipper salbe streynzit for the tyme and suffer forther pvnischement at the will of the magistratis.

ITEM. That na skipper salbe obleist to ansuer ony of his company of thair furing or portage efter the schip is full laydin, bot alanerle quhen the skipper begynnis to laid his schip he sall remember them thairvpoun, and desyre thame to bring in thair furing, and that alssone as thai guidle can; as lykwayis that na mariner sall sell the rowme of his furing without licence of his skipper. AYR, 6th July 1602.

ITEM. Gif ony mariner neglectis his labouris the tyme of the loissing or laidning of the schip, the said mariner sall gif to his company that labouris in the schip, viz.: ilk ane vj s. viij d.

ITEM. It is fund that na man may tak away the shipis boitt fra the ship or zoill without licence of the skipper, steirman, or boitman, and quha dois the samyn sall pay to the awneris the soume of fourty schillings, to be applyit in the manner foirsaid, and gif thair cum ony skaith to the boitt or that ony vther skaith cum throw the want thairof, they salbe ansuerable to the law for the samyn.

ITEM. Gif ony within schip dar rais in outting vproare or zit mak ony leaugeis or bandis aganis the skipper, steirman, or boitisman, quha dois the samyn to be pvnischit as for the committing of ony vther deidle cryme; and in lykmaner thay to be pvnischitt that forssis or compeilis the skipper to saill to ony vther porte nor to that quhairto he is frauchtit, bringand the skipperis and awneris to grit skaith thairthrow.

ITEM. Gif ony mariner sall steill away fra the skipper efter he hes ressauit his hyre, giff the skipper can weryfe the samyn sufficientle, that he be pvneist as ane vther theif is pvnischit.

ITEM. Giff ony mariner ressaue skaith in the schipis laubour or ony vther wayis, being occupyit for the proffeit and commodite thairof, sua that he be nocht the causser thairof him self, as alsua gif ony of them becums seik induring the weyage sua that he can nocht remayne nor ly in the schipis hacheis, than sall the skipper send the seik and deceissit to land and provyid for him ane herbere, with ane to awaitt vpoun him, and furneiss him with meitt and licht as his necessitte requyreis, efter the maner as he was vsit in the schip, and gif he recoueris and mendes he sall returne to the schip, bot the skipper is nocht haldin to remayne or tarie vpoun him bot to saill quhensoewir the schip is reddy, and gif he die the tyme that the schip is vpoun the samyn weyage his airis or executouris sall haue his half hyre or furing with all vther thingis apertening to him, and gif the schip

ly be vpoun hir weyage hameward than his airis or executouris sall haue his haill hyre and furing, for the quhilk thai sall mak the haill coist vpoun his buriall, and gif the airis or executouris of the defunct be nocht present nor zit the merchand of the schip, the magistratis of the porte quhair the schip arrywis to haue the care and owirsicht thairof; and gif it chance thame to fall amangis thair enymeis handis or sey reweris, and preissand to defend them selffis ony of the cumpany becumis hurt or lameit, than sall the skipper caus cure and haill them, and the coist thairof sall cum vpoun schip and guidis, be ressoun thai ar cum to skaith in the defens thairof.

Item. Giff the skipper be myndit to brek bowk before he cum to the place quhair he was hyreit, his cumpany seing proffeit thairthrow to his awneris and outredderis, he may lauchfulle do the samyn, and his marineris salbe haldin to lois the guidis in the schip without ony grudge or agane saying, and gif he retenis or reseruis within the schyp samekle geir as wilbe hir ballast to saill to the porte agane quhair he hyreit his cumpany, than is he nocht haldin to mend thair hyreis, howbeit thai bring the schip to the sam porte agane, bott gif he lois his haill laidning and takis in ballast agane than sall he gif his cumpany thair haill hyre and furing, nochtheles gif he will saill thairfra to ane new porte he sall gif to his cumpany that quhilk is ressoun as he and thay can agre; and gif ony of them beis fund stubroune and contraric heirto and will nocht be agreabill to ressoun, than sall he foirfalt and tyne his hyre and furing and pay ane vnlaw of tuenty merks, to be distributet, vpliftit, and imployit as saidis.

22. Item. Giff it sall happin ony skipper, efter that his schip is laydin, throw feir of weir, sey reweris, or arreistementis maid at the command of ony magistratis to brugh or to land, to be brocht to sic strait swa that he nather dar nor can bot vnlaydin his schip and tyne his vayage, and thairby compellit to discharge and put away his company, he salbe fre of them for the fourt part of thair hyre; bot quhen ane skipper passes furth to sey and thairthrew wantis ane saill, anker, or tow, or than for ane vther notable occasioun or mistuke, he is forceit to turne bak agane to the herbere and lay up his schip thair, than sall he giff to them thair half hyre and sua salbe fre and quyte of them.

23. Item. Giff ony skipper becumis seik, or than at wariance with his awneris or outtredderis, sua that his awneris will sett in ane vther skipper vpoun the schip, than and in that cais the cumpany to serwe and saill with

this new in sett skipper for the samyn hyre that was promissit to thame of before, vnder the pane of tynsell of thair hyris; bot giff the skipper saill ony forder, than sall he mend ilk ane of thair hyreis as is before said. Ay 16

ITEM. Giff ony skipper be schipbrokin than sall he and his cumpany be haldin to saiff and succour the schip and guidis with the reidship of the schip, for the quhilk he sall ressaue fra the merchandis of the schip ane ressonable saiffer at the sicht of newtrall men, and the merchandis to pay thair fraucht, and the marineris to haif thair hyre, according as the weyage hes bene in doing and as newtrall men sall fynd agreable with ressoun; and giff thair be ony in the meintyme that steillis or conceillis merchandis guidis thay salbe pvnischit as ane vther theife; and quhilk of the mariners will nocht saife the schip and guidis with the reidschip he sall tyne his hyre and all that he hes ressauit of before, and salbe repute and haldin as ane vnhonest man and vnworthie to be ressauit amangis thair fellowschip and cumpany.

ITEM. That the schipis cumpany sall keip peace and quyetness amangis them selffis within schipbuird, and quhair that ony of them hurtis, harmeis, woundis, or lameis ane vther, sua that thairthrew the skipper and shippis labour beis neglectit and postponit, than sall he that hes done the wrang prouyde ane vther to be put in the place of the hurt and lameit, and sall pay thairfore to the awner and pairtie according to the skayth and wrang committet.

ITEM. That na mariner sall dispyse, conteme, or lichtle the schipis wittuallis, nor zit sall desyre or crawe ony vther intertenement within the schip bot sic as hes bene commounle vsit of auld, and quha that dois this or the lyk enormite, without guid and ressonabill caussis, he sall tyne his hyre and furing, and the skipper may sett him instantle vpoun the first schore he cums to.

AND, gif ony skipper cumis to ane herbere quhair thair is fresche meitt, ather fische or flesche, he may by thairof at his plesour, bot he sall nocht be forceit thairto be his cumpany to by thairoff, and quha in the contrair heirof preissis the skipper aganis his will he sall pay ane vnlaw of xl s., the ane half to the skipper, the vther half to the judgeis foirsaidis.

AND he that forceis or compellis the cuick to sett on fyre, or mak meitt reddy bot in dew and competent tyme according to thair wontit custome, he sall pay thairfore the soume of ten markis to the iudgeis before reherssit,

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and tyne his haill hyre; bot gif the cuick keip the fault secreit efter it be committit and will nocht reueill the samyn to the skipper, and efterward it brekis vp and cumis to his knawledge, the cuik sall pay thairfoir to the saidis iudgeis the soume of fyve pundis to be collectit and imployit as saidis; and also the cuik salbe bundin and obleist to keip the schipis wittuallis and suffer nane thairof to be spilt, consumit, or abusit in his default, slewth or negligence, vnder the pane of payment of the skaith thairof and tynsell of his hyre.

THAT na persoun within schipbuird be sua bauld as to drink superfluous, by measure, or zit to mak ony bankettis, bot he that misteris may caus keip to him betuixt meltithis, and quha dois in the contrair sall pay ane vnlaw of ten merkis, to be delyuerit to the iudgeis and imployit as saidis.

ITEM. That euerie skipper sall tak delegent attendance vpoun the merchandis geir within the schip, with buk, denning, girnellis, and mattis, and all vther things that may saife and preserue the merchandis from skaith, and als to se that the merchandis geir be nocht diminischit, stowin, or abusit, be him self or his company, and gif this be done the skipper sall vpsett the skaith to the merchandis that aw the geir, and that of the skipperis awin purse, and the merchandis sall pay na fraucht for the samyn guidis; bot gif the geir be spilt be leik, quhairof the skipper nor his company hes na wyitt, nather is it cumit throw thair slewth or negligence, or giff the schip cumis thither quhair sche sould lois hir guidis, and gif the merchand chop cheyis vpoun ane bin or puntioun quhairin his wyne or vther drink is, and commandis the samyn to be heissit and loissit, he sall pay the skipper his hail fraucht thairfoir, or than the skipper to keip the samyn for his fraucht.

ITEM. Efter that the skipper hes ressauit his fraucht, with all vther thingis quhairof the awner sould haue his pairt, than sall he mak to them guid compt, rekning, and payment, without all fraud, deceit, and gyle, of that quhilk he hes ressauit or aucht and sould ressaue, and gif it beis fund vtherwayis nor richt he sall amend the samyn to the awneris, and be pvnischit as vtheris in vntruthe and falsett.

ITEM. Gif ony skipper lattis his schip to fraucht be the gripis to ony merchand man, and the merchand will, aganis the skipperis will or command, caus owirlayd the schip above hir ressonable burding, giff the schip cumis

thairthrow to ony skaith or mistak than is the merchand haldin and detbund in the half skaithe at the sicht of ony guid sey fairing men. Ayr, 6th July 1602.

Item. Euerie skipper shall delegentle tak heid that he owirlayd nocht his schip for gredynes of fraucht, and quhair this can be tryit he sall pay ane vnlaw of foure scoir merkis, to be distributit and imployit as said is.

Item. Thair sall na skipper haue powir, nather within the realm or outwith the samyn, to sell his schip, except he haue the awneris and outredderis will and mynd thairto, and sall haue thair mandatt and full powir vnder thair seillis to sell the samyn, to the effect that the skipper may gif ane sufficient discharge and warrandice to them that byis hir fra thame ; and that he that is fund to do in the contrair heirof his selling salbe of nane awaill, force, nor effect, and the skipper to pay the vnlaw of ane hundreth markis, to be applyit as saidis, and to be ansuerable to his awneris as law wald ; bot newirtheless gif the schip be the way ressaue ony dainger or hurt or skaithe, and that the samyn is the caus that the skipper wald put hir out of his handis, than may he sell hir and haue powir thairto, zit sall he weryfe this before the best of his cumpany that thair was sic ressonable and neidfull occasioun or nocht.

Nather may the skipper sell or gif away ony of the shipis reidschip, wittualis, or ony vther thing aperteneing to the schip, except he bring the samyn to compt, quhilk gif he dois in the contrair he salbe pvnischit thairfoir.

Item. Gif ony skipper lattis his schip for fraucht to merchandis ane or ma, and this merchand ather throw slewthe or ony other occasioun postponis to schip his guidis in dew tyme conforme to the promeis, and the skipper efter he hes lauchfulle warneit him to bring his guidis to the schip, or than hes warneit his doaris and factouris, and saillis away to ane porte and ressaueis nane of his merchandis geir in the schip, than sall the merchand gif to the skipper his haill fraucht ; bot gif it sua be that the skipper ressaue in the schip ony guidis, ather litill or mekle, and the rowme quhilk he sett furthe be fillit with geir, than is the merchand na mair obleist to him for ony fraucht.

Item. Gif the skipper cumis to ane forane cuntrey and thair makis any bargane, ather to by or fraucht, or quhatsumewir vther handling, and hes thair be lettre and seill oblissit his awneris, quhilkis ar att hame, to ony payment or conditioun, than ar thai nocht oblissit to fulfill nor pay the

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samyn, for the skipper hes na mair powir owir the awneris geir bot sua mekill as he hes vnder his awin hand, that is the self same schip and guidis quhairwith he presentle saillis ; bot giff ony hes sauld or maid bargane with the skipper, and gif thair cum skaith thairthrow to the schip and awneris, the skaith thairoff sall licht vpoun the skipper and nocht vpoun the awneris, except thai haue intrometit wit the guidis coft be the skipper.

Item. Gif ony skipper hes promeissit to ane merchand to carie his guidis to ane merkett and commandis him to put in the samyn in ane cabar or lichter, and the skipper sendis the samyn back agane or lattis the samyn remayne still behynd him, than is the skipper haldin and bound to pay the merchand for the samyn guidis quhen he cumis hame again, as the samyn wald haue gevin in the merkett, the merchand payand or allowand the fraucht thairof.

Item. Gif the skipper happinis to cutt mast, anker, or cabill, vpoun necessitte, and he with thre of the best men in the ship will sweir that he did the samyn for the saifty of menis lyffis and thair guidis, than sall the skaith cum vpoun the ship and guidis.

Item. Gif ane skipper cumis vpoun ground with his schip, giff he can cum be ony skowtis or lichter to lois afe the guidis in the schip and bring the schip afe the ground agane, than sall the skipper mak coist vpoun the lichting of the schip, and the merchand to pay the vncoist of thair guidis and to be rekinit vpoun the haill guidis, ilk man for his awin pairt, and the skipper sall caus beitt the ship with all expeditioun, gif sche may be bett agane and maid habill for transporting of the merchandis guidis to the porte ; bot gif the schip can nocht be bett and maid abill agane than sall the skipper haue his fraucht for the guidis that ar saif, as newtrall men sall think agreabill with ressoun, according to the custom of sey handling, and gif any of the guids be spilt than sall the skayth gang owir the rest of the guidis that ar saif, gif thai be salt, corne, or siclyk guidis ; bot gif it be barrellet guidis, sic as wyne, pick, tar, or sic guidis, than euerie ane sall ressaue his awin mark and pay that quhilk becums him according to the vncoistis.

And it is nocht to be thocht guid and ressonable, quhair thair is bot ane pairt of the guidis and reidschip saiffit, that the marineris sould haue thair haill hyre, bot efter the raitt as the skipper ressaueis fraucht, or conforme to the rekning of the lastis, and na vtherwayis; bot gif it sall happin that

the schip and guidis be cast away throw ony ewill luk or mischance, and gif the skipper can weryfe with all his cumpany that the samyn come nather throw his slewth nor negligence nor na way in his default, than aucht the skipper to haue his schip gif he can win hir, and gif na recompens to the merchandis of ony skaith for thair guidis; and gif it beis fund vtherwayis that he did it willingle, of malice or slewthefull deilling, be him self or his company, than sall he ansuer the merchandis as law will, and be na maner of way intromett within the ship agane before he pleis the merchandis and put thame te rest, conforme to ressoun in all pointis. Ayr, 6th July 1602.

Item. Gif the merchandis guidis be watt or spilt in default of ane cowbrigg and owirlupe nocht weill calfutit or handillit as thai aucht to be, the skipper sall ansuer thairfoir and amend the skaithe; bot gif from vnder vp the skaith cums than sall it gang owir the schip and guids, except it cum throw negligence and owirsicht of the skipper and marineris; and gif the merchandis guidis beis deminischit, stowin, pyikit, or prewele put to syid, throw falsett of the skipper or his cumpany, than sall the skipper refound to the merchandis als mekle as the guidis wald haue gevin in the markett or the awaill thairof as thai war first coft; and gif any of the merchandis guidis or geir leckis or gettis brusun or brokin the skipper sal be fre thairof.

Item. Ilk skipper is haldin detbund to haue in his schipe stark cordellis and winding takill to sett in and out the merchandis guidis, and gif the takill brek and the merchand ressaue skaithe, the skipper being requyreit of before be the marineris gif the samyn war guid and sufficient and the skipper ansuerand that thai ar sufficient, than sall the skaith cum vpoun the skipper alane; bot gif the marineris requyre him nocht for renewing of the takill and the guidis fall thairwith, than sall the skaithe cum vpoun the marineris and the skipper salbe fre thairof.

Item. Gif it salbe fund that tua schipis saillin and cumand togidder, sua that ather of thame beis forssit vpoun ane other that nather of thame can eschew, and thairthrow cumis baith to skaithe, than sall baith the skipperis with thair cumpanies mak faith that it com throw force and suddantie and na wayis willingle, thairfoir ilk schip to repair and mend thair skaithis, half and half, quither it be by day or nicht.

Item. Gif ane schip brek lows, sua that ancker or cabill beis brokin be storme or ony vther mistuk, and dryweis vpoun ane vther schip on buird lyand fast at ane anker, and gif thai ressaue baith skaithe, than sall the

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skaith be considerit be sey fairing men and persouns maist newtrall, and sall pay as thai vnderstand and thinkis guid; bot gif the schip gettis skaith alane that dryweis vpoun the vther, than the schip that lay at the anker sall pay na thing thairof, and gif the vther schip throw storme or ewill wedder dryweis in the streame towardis hir, or zit toward ma schipis, quha foirseing the samyn to eschew gritter skaith that may fall out gif thai tarie quhill sche cum vpoun them and to eschew the samyn, slipis thair tow, in that cais the anker tow that is slippit salbe payit be bayth the schipis, at the sicht and consideratioun of newtrall men, half and half.

ITEM. Gif ane schip cums to skaith vpoun ane vther schipis anker, lyand without ane buy, than sall the schip that wantit the buy pay the haill skaith, except it be sua that the buy raip brak sen the anker was lattin fall in the watter, and gif the skipper with thre of the best men will testefe be thair aithis that thair was ane buy vpoun the anker the last tyme it was lattin fall, and in lykmaner that he knew nocht ellis bot that thair was ane buy thairvpoun, in that cais baith the schipis sall pay the skaith, half and half, the merchandis guidis being exceptit, quhilk sall pay na thing thairof.

ITEM. Giff it chance ane schip to be lang vpoun ane weyage and thair wittuallis or ony vther thing the schip neidis to inlaik, giff thai haue na money to by it withall, than may the skipper sell alsmekill of the merchants guids as he hes neid of to the vseis foirsaid of the merchandis guidis bot na mair, and sall pay alsmekle for the samyn as the rest thairof gifis at the markett.

ITEM. Gif it sall happin ony wariance or discord to fall furth betuixt the skipper or his awneris, in sic sorte that thai will nocht that he sall saill thair schip ony langer; or zit gif sic wariance fall furth amangis them selffis that ane pairt will haue the schip to saill, ane vther pairt nocht, in that cais thairfoir the schip sall nocht ly idill, bot the leist pairt sall sett the ship vpoun ane price, lykeas thai will ather keip hir to thame selffis, or than slip hir and latt hir away, and thai that remaynis sall pay the awneris that hes sawld thair pairt within sex owkkis without all delay or ony forder proces of law, and swa latt hir depairt in peace; but gif thai can nocht cum ower nor agrie vpoun the seting of the said schip, zit it is nocht anewch that the schip lye idill and tyne tyme to thame all, than sall thai

saill hir quhair thai think best vpoun the aventures of the haill awners, bot thai quha hes nocht owtred sall nocht ressaue any pairt of the fraucht of the geir and guidis. Ayr, 6th July 1602.

Item. Gif it sall happin any persoun, skipper, or maryner, to hurt or slay any persoun, or to be wayrdet or trublit for ony cryme or offence done be thame or ony of thame, fra the begyning of thair vayage to the end thairof, gif thai be condemand or decernet in penalteis or sowmes to the iuges or officiaries or parteis, the schip and awneris to be frie thairof, and the pairtie offender to satiffy be his offence in his body or guidis as he or thai sall be decernet be the iugeis, without any allowance to be maid or gevin in the chairges or vncoistis of the schip.

Item. Gif ony schip be frauchtet to Caitnes or Orknay or Zeitland to fysching, and fra thyne furth to Ingland, or furth of Scotland with salt to Ingland, the maister or awner sall hyre his cumpany for swa mony schillings stirling for the haill vayage as thai can agrie for.

Item. It is thocht guid that na man quhatsumewir sall tak the chairge of ane schip as to gif him furth for maister or pylott vnles he be first tryet be foure speciall maisters within the toun he belangis to gif he be worthie or nocht to tak the charge, and gif he do in the contrer he sall pay ane penalte, to witt the soum of j^{c} li., to be imployet and vpliftet as is before writtin, and gyf he be nocht worthy to pay the sam throw pouerty, in that case he sall lye swa lang in presoun as plesis the iuge of that toune best he belangs to.

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15. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris hes thocht expedient, statute and ordanit, in respect of the iniquite of the tyme and confusioun of all thingis, that na persoun be admitit commissioner in thair number bot sic as ar of the trew religioun, publicle professit and allowit within this realm at this present, and to that effect that thair commissiouns presentit to the conventiounis beirand expres termeis and attestatioun thairof, and ilk brugh to be rememberit of the samyn in the generall missiue. Statute. Commissioners. Trew religioun. Missiue.

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Ruglein, Peblis; licence to depairt.

16. The samyn day, grantis licence to the brughis of Ruglein and Peblis to pas hamewart fra this conventioun, and thai be thir presentis ratefeis all and quhatsumevir actis and constitutionis quhilkis sall be maid thairin.

Septimo Iulij j^{m} vj^{c} secundo.

Commissio, certane burrowes. Conseruator in Campheir. [Flemy ing, meyddummaker.

17. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris being conwenit, gewis powir and commissioun to the burrowis quha sall happin to conveyne at Edinbrugh the xv day of Iulij instant, in the conwentioun of the estaitis to be haldin thairat, to trauell with his maieste and all vther persouns neidfull for dischargeing and annulling of the giftis purchest be Capetane Iames Coluill for exerceing of ane pretended office of conseruatore at the toun of Caleis, and for exacting of certain impostis and dewteis of all schipis and guidis arryuing thair, and desyris the brugh of Edinbrugh to be maist eirnest and insist thairintill as ane thing maist preiudiciall to the haill burrowis and commoun weill of the haill realm, and alsua to obteyne ane discharge aganis Fleyming, indueller in Leith, of his present gift of making of stiffing, and of all vther licences purchest or to be purchest be him or ony vther persouns contrair the fredome and liberteis of burrowis.

Commissio. Factoures in Deip, twa impost, Edinbrugh.

18. The samyn day, vnderstanding that the factouris of Deip as zitt contenewis in vplifting of the xl sowz of ilk twn grantit to Iames Forrett, quha haid commissioun in France for the mater of the new customeis, albeit the tyme thairof be expyrit, as alsua hes of new raissit ane vther dewty of ten sowz of ilk hundreth frankis for defens of thair actiouns aganis the draperis and customeris in Deip, thairfoir gewis commissioun to the brugh of Edinbrugh in thair nameis to wrytt to the saidis factouris and desyre to knaw the estait of the saidis materis, with powir to discharge them of all vplifting of the saidis dewteis in tyme cuming, and to requyre compt of the soumeis bygane vpliftit be them, with powir alsua as thai sall fiynd the necesitte or caus requyre to contenew the vplifting of the said ten sowz be the saidis factouris, and to sie the samyn bestowit in the said actioun.

Byschop of Glasgow.

19. The samyn day, vpoun the reporte of Iames Forret, commissioner for Glasgow, findis guid that ane lettre be pennit and derect to the Bischope of Glasgow, giffand him thankis for his trauellis tane in the burrowis effairis, with ane requeist to contenew thairin.

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Commissio, Edinbrugh, Factouris in Deip. Forrett, precept.

20. The samyn day, gewis powir and commissioun to the brugh of Edinbrugh to vplift, crawe, and ressaue for the factouris in Deip, the soumeis collectit and intromet with be them for defraying of the expenssis of Iames Forrett, commissiouner of Glasgow, quha was direct to France in cumpany with the Duke of Lennox, imbassadour for his maieste, for doun getting of the new customeis and exactiouns raissit vpoun the natioun, and to allow in the foir end thairof the soume of tua hundreth frankis confest be the said Iames to be ressauit be him fra the saidis factouris, and of the rest of the saidis soumeis ordanis the brugh of Edinbrugh, with consent of thair present commissioneris, to pay to the said Iames Forrett the soume of thre hundreth pundis betuixt this and the first day of Nouember nixtocum, in full contentatioun and satiffactioun of his trauellis and expenssis maid in said weyage and actioun, quhilk the said Iames acceptit, and was content that the said brugh of Edinbrugh sould vplift the saidis soumeis fra the saidis factouris be wertew of thir presentis, and the saidis burrowis ordanis the said brugh of Edinbrugh to be comptabill vnto them of the superplus.

Edinbrugh contra Dunbar. Missiue.

21. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Edinbrugh in name of thair inhabitantis aganis the brugh of Dumbar, for trubling and molesting of thame in loissing of thair herring tane in the firthe within thair boundis, packing and peilling of the samyn, conforme to auld use and wontt, and in exacting of certane new dewteis for grund lewe nocht vsit of before, the commissioneris of baith the saidis burrowis being present, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis contenewis the decisioun of the said mater to the nixt generall conventioun, at the quhilk tyme thay ordane baith the saidis parteis to direct their commissioneris sufficientle instrucit with thair richtis, ressouns, and alegeanceis, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and in the meintyme dischargis the said brugh of Dumbar of all trubling the said brugh and all vtheris fre burrowis in loissing paking and peilling the samyn, and of exacting of the saidis new dewteis quhill the mater be decydit, vnder the pane of ane hundrethe pundis to be payit to the burrowis incais thai failze, the particular parteis awayis finding cautioun for satiffactioun of the said brugh of Dumbar and payment of sic dewteis as thai salbe fund be the burrowis to haue richt thairto, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Irwyne, support. Missiue.

22. The samyn day, vpoun the eirnest supplicatioun of the brugh of Irewin, lamenting of new their inhabilite to follow furth thair actiouns

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aganis the vnfre tredderis within thair boundis, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis desyris thame to insist in the said actioun, and for defraying of the chairgis thairof to borrow vpoun profeit quhill the nixt conventioun the soume of fyve hundrethe merkis, and be the sicht and adwyse of the brugh of Edinbrugh to imploy and bestow the samyn or samekle thairof as salbe fund neidfull vpoun the said actioun, vpoun compt thairof to be maid to the said brugh of Edinbrugh in thair nameis, and the saidis commissioneris of burrowis oblissis them and thair saidis brughis to contribute according to the extent roll for payment thairof, and ordanis ilk brugh to send thair partis of the soume foirsaid with thair commissioner to the nixt conventioun vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Air. Licence to sett thair mylnis.

23. The quhilk day, anent the supplicatioun producit be the commissioneris of the brugh of Air, beiring that the comoun mylns of thair brugh, being the cheifest pairt of thair zeirle rent, war altogidder becumit decayit and fallen doun be the gritt spaittis quhilk had bene this last wynter, notourlie knawin, and nocht onle ar decayit bot the ower mylne, being the cheifest mylne, alluterle with hir haill furnitour raissit, lyk as the fermoreris quha haid them in setnes be the said occasioun haid gevin them owir in the touns handis to thair grit hurt and skaith and thai damnyfeit in thair zeirle ferme, considering thai war sett bot for few zeris, and the vphalding of them in damis, tymber, wark, and vther materiallis, being sua chairgeble to the fermoreris to thair grit los, and besyde thair said lois thay war nocht habill to pay the said ferme, and gif ony taxisman haid the saidis mylnis for ane ressonabill number of zeiris thai doutit nocht bot thai wald set substantious repairing and biging vp of the saidis mylnis and damis thairof, thai haiffing the occasioun to retyne the saidis mylnis, thairby the said brugh wald be weill and thankfulle payit of thair ferme, desyring thair lordshipis that thai micht haue licence to sett thair saidis mylnis for fyve zeiris in fyve zeiris during the space of nyntene zeiris to ony pairtie thai can agre with, notwithstanding the actis of burrowis maid of before vpoun ony fewar zeiris, quhairanent it wald pleas thair lordships to dispens with them in this behalf in consideratioun foirsaid, as at lenth is contenit in the said supplicatioun producit be the saidis commissioneris and subscryuit be Iohn Masoun thair commoun clerk ; with the quhilkis the saidis commissioneris, efter lang ressoneing, fyndis the desyre of the

said supplicatioun ressonabill, and thairfoir grantis licence to the said brugh of Air to sett thair saidis mylnis for fyve zeiris in fyve zeiris during the space of nyntene zeiris to ony parte thai can agre with for the weill of the said brugh, dispensand with the actis of burrowis and penultieis thairin contenit. Ayr, 7th July 1602.

24. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris vpoun supplicatioun gevin in be Mychall Cocherane ane of the bailleis of the brugh of Wigtoun and commissioner for the said brugh, grantis them licence to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift for vptaking of the dewtie of tuelf penneis of ilk seck of meill or malt quhilk sall present their merkett, and that for hous male and all vther custome to be crawit, prouyding the said brugh haife ane sufficient hous watterticht for ressauing of the said meill and malt customeable. Wigtoun. Impost.

25. The samyn day, anent the desyre of Alexander Ord of Finachtie, desyuering supporte of the burrowis to the biging of ane herbere quhilk he is of mynd to big in his boundis, the saidis commissioneris contenewis thair ansuer to the said supplicatioun quhill the said conventioun, and ordanis ilk commissioner to cum sufficiently instructit thairin, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Ord of Fynauchty. support Missiue.

26. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris hes exemit and eximis the brughis following, in maner vnderwrittin, for the space of thre zeiris, viz.: the brugh of Peblis be north Forthe, the brugh of Lanerik siclyk, the brughis of Quhithorne and Dumbar fra all conventiouns generall, prouyding thai send to ilk conventioun generall with the commissioner of the nixt brugh nocht exemit thair autentik lettre of ratefecatioun of all thingis to be done in the said conventioun, togidder with all soumeis that thai salbe fund restand awand to the burrowis for the clerk and agent feyis or ony vther caus, vtherwise to be vnlawit as absentis, and als thir presentis nocht to be extendit to the caissis quhar thai ar warneit to ansuer at the instance of any particular brugh or party, and the expenssis quhilk thair commissioner micht haue cost them be bestowit vpoun thair brigis, herberis, tolbuithis, kirkis, or ony vther maist necessar commoun warkis, and compt to be gevin to the burrowis thairof at the end of the said exemptioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., as lykwayis that thai send with thair said lettre of ratefecatioun the rovping of thair commoun guidis and ryding of thair mercheis, vnder the said pane. Exemptio. Peblis, Lanark, Selkirk, Quhythorne, Dunbar.

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Lynlythgow, support. Missiue.

27. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris being conwenitt, anent the supplicatioun of the brugh of Lynlythgow, desyring the burrowis supple to the biging and reparatioun of the schore and hewin of Blaknes, being thair port and hewin, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis contenewis thair ansuer thairto quhill the nixt generall conventioun, ordaneing ilk brugh to compeir sufficientlie instructit thairanent, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue ; as lykwayis to gif ansuer to the brugh of Dunfreis, craweing supporte of the burrowis to the reparatioun of thair brig, being rwnyneous in tua pilleris thairof, quhilk without tymeous remeid will nocht faill to fall.

Wigtoun contra Kirkcudbricht. Missiue.

28. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun of the brugh of Wigtoun aganis the brugh of Kirkcudbricht, for suffering thair burgessis and vther vnfremen, contrair the actis of burrowis, to remayne and haue thair residence in the clachane of Manygoff, and thairfoir ordanis the said brugh of Kirkcudbricht to be warnet be the generall missiue to compeir at the nixt conventioun sufficientle instructit to ansuer to the said complaint, vnder the pane of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Peblis Impost.

29. The samyn day grantis licence to the brugh of Peblis to impetrat of our souerane lord

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Carraill, vnlaw discharget.

30. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris being conwenit, for dyuerssis caussis and considerationis moweing thame, and specialle the pestelence quhairwith the toun was wysetit for the tyme, remitis and dischargis to the brugh of Carraill the soume of fourty pundis as for thair vnlaw quhilk thai incurrit at the brugh of Cowper in the particular conventioun haldin thairat the fyft day of October last quhilk soume salbe thank . . .

Compleynt of Dundie Sanctandrois, etc contra Craill, Kilrayne, Anstruthers, Pittinweyme, Dumbar. Missiue.

31. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brughis of Dundy, Sanctandrois, Cowper, Dysart, Kirkcaldy, Kinghorne, Brunteland, aganis the brughis of Craill, Kilrany, Anstruther Eister, Pittinweyme, and Dumbar, for trubling and molesting of thame in loissing of thair hering tane in the firthe within thair boundis, packing and peilling of the samyn, the commissioneris of the saidis brughis being present except Kilrany, the commissioneris of burrowis contenewis the decisioun of the said complaint quhill the nixt generall conventioun, ordaning the saidis commissioneris to

compeir sufficientle instructit to gif ansuer thairto vnder the pane of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Ayr, 7th July 1602.

32. The samyn day, for caussis and consideratiounis moweing thame, remitis and dischargeis to the brugh of Sanctandrois the soume of tuenty pundis of the xl li., vnlaw quhilk thai incurrit at the particular conventioun haldin at Cowper in October last, quhilk salbe allowet to Iames Wynrame, agent, in his comptis. Precept, Agent, Sanctandrois, vnlaw.

33. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Renfrow producit be thair commissioner aganis the brugh of Glasgow, for vplifting fra the nichtbouris and inhabitantis of the said brugh of Renfrow sex penneis vpoun ilk thousand hering cumand to thair brig, baith the saidis commissioneris present, contenewis ony ansuer gifing to the said complaint quhill the nixt conventioun, ordaning the saidis commissioneris to cum sufficientle instructit with thair richtis, ressounis, and alegeanceis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Renfrew contra Glasgow. Missiue.

34. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris ordanis the prowest and baillies of the brugh of Air, being personale present, to conforme them selffis in haiffing thair quart pynt, choping, and muchkin stovpeis, conforme to the stovpe of Sterling, and reporte attestatioun of thair delegence heirin to the nixt generall conventioun vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Air. Stowpe. Missiue.

35. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the commissioneris of Glasgow, Renfrow, for them selffis and in name of the brugh of Dumbartane, aganis the brughis of Air, Irewin, and magistratis thairof, for suffering the fischeris quha fischis in thair watteris to fische with sandeill polkis, to the grit distructioun of the hering fry, werray hurtfull and preiudicial to the fisching of hering, and sua hurtfull to the haill estait of merchandis, as lykwayis in suffering the saidis fischeris to tak the fry of the said hering and selling the samyn in thair merkettis, baith the commissioneris being present, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis ordanis the saidis brughis to caus all persouns to decist and ceiss fra all fisching with the said sandeill polkis and distroying of the fry of hering within thair liberteis and boundis, and all vther places sa far as thai may, and nocht to suffer nane of the said fry to be sauld within thair boundis, and mak publicatioun thairvpoun, and the present commissioneris to intimy the samyn to thair magistratis and reporte attestatioun thairof and of thair delegence to the nixt generall Glasgow, Renfrow, Dumbartane, contra Air. Irewyne. Missiue.

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conventioun, vnder the pane of fourty pundis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Glasgow, Dumbartane, Renfrow. Keiping the water of Clyde cleyne.

36. The samyn day, vpoun the complaint of the brugh of Air, ordanis the brughis of Glasgow, Dumbartane, Renfrow, to sie that the watter of Clyid and all partis neir to thame, and speciale within thair awin boundis, be keipit clene, and vnpolutit and defylet with deid caryouns, bukeis, and sic vther filthe materis hurtfull to the fisching, and pvnische the offenderis, and to caus clense the said watter of the filth alreddy cassin in, vnder the pane of fourty pundis, *totiis quotiis*, to be payit to the burrowis sua oft as thai salbe tryit to be negligent thairin, and to caus proclamatioun to be maid thairvpoun throw their brughis in dew tyme of zeir.

Plaice of conventiouns. Missiue.

37. The samyn day, dyuerssis commissioneris war plenteous of the grit expenssis and trauell thai war put to be halding of the generall conwentioun in the placeis far distant fra them and to the perrill of thair persouns in thair way, thairfoir ordanis it to be ane heid of the nixt missiue that ilk brugh send thair commissioner to the nixt conventioun generall with thair advyse and counsale for nominating and cheissing of the maist commodious place is and brughis in the hert of the cuntrey, or as sall be fund maist easy for the far distant burrowis, north and west partis of the realm.

M'Gowne, Quhithorne, M'Nacht.

38. The samyn day, Iohnne Makgowne provest and commissioner for Quhithorne, promitit and oblissit him selff to pay to Rodger Maknacht burges of Edinbrugh, quha was collectour deput to the wyneis anno 1589, and Adame Foullertouns taxatioun, the soume of tuenty sevin pundis alewin s. awand be him to the said brugh.

Agent, Fardyce.

39. The samyn day, ordanis Iames Wynram, agent, to superceid the executioun of the lettres of horneing aganis the vnfre inhabitantis of Fardyce quhill the nixt conwentioun generall, in hoip that thai sall obey the samyn and fulfill thair band and promeis maid to the said Iames.

Wynrhame compts. Charge Wynrhame

40. The samyn day, haiffing hard, sene, futeit, calculatt, and allowit the comptis of Iames Wynram, thair generall agent, sen his last futeit compt, thay fynd the burrowis restand awand to him, *de claro*, the soume of fourscore fourtene pundis thre s. iiij d., and for payment thairof ordanis the said Iames to vplift and ressaue the vnlawis following fra the brughis vnderwrittin, and caus put the lettres raissit aganis them to dew executioun, viz.: the brugh of Iedbrugh fourte pundis, the brugh of Innernes tuenty pundis, the brugh of Narne tuenty pundis, the brugh of Rossay

xx li., and siclyk the brughis of Mwnros, Culros, Breichin, Dumbartane, Iedbrugh, ilk ane of ane vnlaw of xx li., quhilk thai incurrit for being absent fra this present conventioun, extending in the haill to the soume of tua hundreth pundis, and the said Iames to be comptable to the burrowis at the nixt conventioun for the samyn and of the superplus thairof. Ayr, 7th July 1602.

41. The samyn day, ordanis Iames Wynram, agent, to pay to Iohn Masoun, commoun clerk of this brugh, the soume of tuenty pundis for his panis tane in writting the haill missiueis and directing of them, and the samyn salbe allowit to him in his comptis. Precept, Agent, Clerk of Air.

42. The samyn day, desertis and dissoluis this present conventioun, and appointis and affixis thair nixt generall conventioun to be haldin at the brugh of Hadingtoun the fyft day of Iulij nixt, with contenewatioun of dayis, ordaneing the commissioner of the said brugh to intimy the samyn to his brugh to the effect missiueis may be direct in dew tyme. Nixt Conventioun.

43. The samyn day, ordanis it to be ane heid of the nixt missiue concerning the alteratioun of the extent roll, and that ilk commissioner compeir sufficiently instructit thairin. Taxt Roll. Missiue.

Alexr. Lokhart, moderator.
Alexander Cullen.
Iames Castellaw.
Andro Watsoun for Sanctandrois.
Mr Iohne Wemis.
A. Somervell.
Iames Kirkwood.
Dauid Huchon.
G. Durie for Innerkething.
Peter Andersoun.
Niniane Lowis for Peblis.
William Wilkin,
Robert Pattone.
Dauid Burnesyd.
Wm. Kellie.
Niniane Makmoran.
Iames Adamsone for Pearth.
Iohnne Schewane.
Andro Ker for Linlythgow.
I. Forret.
George Cochrane for Ayr.
Adame Corsaue for Drumfreis.
Niniane Barclay.
Mel. Cocherane for Wigtoun.
Thomas Dishingtoun for Pettenwem.
Allane Cuynghame, Craill.
Ihone Reid for Kingorne.
Ihone Gowne for Quhithorn.
W. Syme, Bruntiland.

Apud Hadingtoun.

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In the Generall Conventioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the burgh of Hadington the fyft day of Iulij j^m vj^c and thre zeiris, Compeirit the Commissioneris vnderwrittin, and producet thair commissiouns in manner following, to witt:

EDINBRUGH, Iohnne Robertsoun, merchand, George Heriot, eldar, goldsmyth; Perthe, Iames Adamesoun, deyne of gild, Androw Conquerour; Dundy, Peter Clayhillis, merchand; Aberden, Alexander Jaffray, baillie; Sterling, Walter Cowane, merchand; Glasgow, Thomas Pettecruiff; Lynlythgow, Androw Ker, clerk; Air, Alexander Lockart of Boighall; Sanctandrois, Dauid Wattsoun, deyne of gild; Dysart, Iohnne Williamsoun, clerk; Hadingtoun, Thomas Cokburne, provest, Alexander Seytoun, baillie; Kirkcaldy, Dauid Huchesoun, baillie; Munros, Maister Arthour Erskyne, baillie; Cowper, Iames Andersoun, clerk; Anstruther Eister, William Blak, baillie; Dumfreis, Iohnne Corsaue, merchand; Innerness, (*blank*); Breichin, William Ramsay, clerk; Irewin, William Patoun, merchand; Elgyne, Iames Dowglas; Jedbrugh, Robert Alesoun; Kirkcudbricht, Thomas Mackclenen; Wigtoun, Archbald Tailzepheir; Pittinweyme, Thomas Dischingtoun; Dumferling, William Pratus; Dumbartane, Thomas Fallisdail; Renfrow, William Somerwell; Lanerik, William Wilkyne; Arbrothe, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Munros; Brunteland, Maister Androw Wilsoun, clerk; Peblis, Iohnne Dickssoun, baillie; Carrraill, Thomas Cwninghame; Kinghorne, Androw Brown, clerk; Tayne, (*blank*); Selkirk, Iames Scott; Anstruther Wester, Dauid Philpe, clerk; Culros, Iohn Forrett, clerk; Dumbar, Maister Eduard Aikyne, Nicoll Kelly, Maister Alexander Kellie, commoun clerk; Banfe, Alexander Currour; Quhithorne, (*blank*); Forfar, be thair exemptioun producit be Breichin; Rossay, (*blank*); Forres, (*blank*); Ruglein, Androw Pinkertoun; Northeberuik, Hew Bailze; Culane, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Banff; Elgyne, Alexander Dowglas; Lawder, William Hoppringle; Innerkeything, George Durie, elerk; Kilramy, be thair ex-

emptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Anstruther Eister; Sanquhar, (*blank*). HADDINGTON, 5th July 1603.

1. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris electis, creatis, and constitutis Thomas Cokburne, prouest of this brugh, first in the commissioun, thair moderatour during this conwentioun, quha gawe his aith in *communi forma.* Moderator.

2. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris appointis the houris of thair conwentioun to be at sewin houris in the morneing, and at tua houris efternone, and the persouns absent at the ceissing of the bell and calling of the rollis to pay ane vnlaw of vj s. viij d., *totiis quotiis,* and that nane speik without licence of the moderatour, nather mixt ressoneing with woitting, vnder the said pane. Conventioun.

3. The samyn day, Iames Gray, commoun clerk of this brugh, weryfeit the citatioun of the haill burrowis to this present conwentioun be delyuerance of the generall missiue as vse is, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis. Citatioun.

4. The samyn day, anent the mater of the restraning and pvnishing of vnfre trafficqueries, sailleris without tickettis, regrateris, foirstalleris, and outlandis burgessis, mentionat in the fyft act of the last generall conwentioun haldin at Air, in the quhilk act it was ordanit that the brugh of Cowper sould reporte their delegence in depryueing of Iohne Strawchane in Lewin, thair outlandis burges; compeirit Iames Andersoun, commissioner for the said brugh of Cowper, and producit thair delegence in depryueing of the said Iohn Strauchane conforme to the said act; and haiffing exemenit the delegens of the rest of the saidis burrowis, findis the brughis of Wigtoun and Kirkcudbrycht nocht to haue done thair delegens in restraining of ane grit multitude of regrateris, foirstalleris, and vnfremen resorteand oppinle and notoriousle at thair fairis, merkettis, and vther tymeis within thair liberteis, and contrawening the actis of parliament and liberteis of burrowis, but impediment of the saidis brughis, be schawing of thair delegens in wryt thairvpoun, and thairfoir decernis ilk ane of the saidis brughis of Wigtoun and Kirkcudbrycht in ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis, prouyding that giff thai produce to the nixt generall conventioun thair sufficient delegens in wrytt in restraining and pvnisching of the saidis persounis, and mak payment to the agent at the said conventioun ilk ane of them of ane vnlaw of xx li., in that cais thai to be fre of the said vnlaw. Cowper, Strawchane depryueit. Wigtoun, Kirkcudbricht, vnfremen, regraters and foirstalleris.

And the brugh of Dumbar being challengit and accussit for suffering and

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Dumbar, restraining of vnfremen to pack and peill. Missiue.

permitting of vnfremen to pack and peill within thair boundis, of hering and fische, efter exemenatioun and tryuell thairof ordanis the brugh of Dumbar, of thair awin consent, to caus all vnfre persouns decist and ceis in tyme cuming fra packing and peilling as saidis within thair bounds, and to reporte sufficient attestatioun thairvpoun to the nixt conventioun, with certefecatioun to them gif thai baith produce nocht the said attestatioun, and gif it salbe fund that thay haue owirsene the said vnfremen, tane dewteis for grund leis fra thame, thay salbe decernit in ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Regrateris and foirstalleris, vnfremen.

And ordanis ilk brugh, as of before, to schaw and produce to the nixt generall conwentioun thair exact delegens in wryt of restraining and pvnisching of vnfre trafficqueris, sailleris without tickettis, regrateris, foirstalleris, and vnfremen within thair liberteis, vsurpeand the libertie of the brugh, and depryueing of thair outlandis burgessis, and gif vp the nameis of the saidis offenderis, the placeis quhair thai duell, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue, togidder with the said mater of Kirkcudbrycht, Wigtown, and Dumbar.

Perthe, Sterling, Burrowis chairtour. Agent, Edinburgh. Missiue.

5. The samyn day, anent the mater of the transumeing of the generall chairtour maid to the haill burrowis be King Dauid Bruce, mentionat in the sewint act of the last generall convention, ordanis the brugh of Sterling, quhome the brugh of Perthe alegis to haue the said chairtour, to delyuer the samyn to the agent, and he with the adwyse of the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perthe, Dundy, Aberdein, or somony of thame as may be haid, to obteyne the samyn vpoun the burrowis expenss autentikle transumit before the lordis of sessioun, to the effect that ilk brugh may haue the extract thairof, and gif ony parliament sall interweyne to obteyne the samyn confermet with *nouo damus*, and to reporte his delegens heirvpoun to the nixt conventioun; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Commissioneris to parliamentis, conventioun of estaittis, and burrowis. Missiue.

6. The samyn day, anent the xj act of the last generall conventioun, concerning the derectioun of commissioneris to parliamentis, conventiouns of estaittis and burrowis, efter the sichting of the delegenceis producit becertane commissioneris of the extracting and intimatioun of the saidis actis to thair brughis, the present commissioneris of burrowis ratefeis and apprewis the saidis actis maid thairanent of before in all pointis, with this additioun alsua that na commissioner be derectit be ony brugh to parlia-

ment, conventioun of estaittis or burrowis, bot sic as, by and attour the qualyteis mentionat in the former actis, sall haue this qualitie ioynit thairto, to witt, that he be sic ane persoun that may tyne or wyn in the commoun caus of burrowis or in the particular of his own brugh, this additioun to be intimit to ilk brugh, and ane attestatioun to be reportit at the nixt conventioun be ilk brugh of the intimatioun thairof; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. HADDINGTON, 5th July 1603.

7. The samyn day, anent the mater of the brugh of Dysart, concerning the productioun of thair principall chairtour, the forme of the electioun of thair magistratis, conforme to the xij act of the last generall conventioun, Iohnne Williamsoun thair commissioner being callit and demandit thairvpoun, his ressouns hard and considderit, findis the said brugh to haue done na delegens for obseruing the said act, and thairfoir decernis the said brugh in ane vnlaw of ane hundrethe pundis, and ordanis, zitt as of before, to produce to the nixt generall conventioun the principall chairtour of thair erectioun in ane fre brugh to be sene and considerit be the saidis burrowis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of twa hundreth pundis to be payit to the saidis burrowis, according to the actis maid thairanent of before; and als to produce in ane mair formal and speciall maner the actis of electioun of their magistratis and counsall, according to the actis of burrowis, vnder the pane of xx li., to be payit to the saidis burrowis incais thai failze; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Dysart vnlawit. Missiue. Charge agent.

8. The samyn day, findis expedient and ordanis that ilk brugh within the realm caus mak and haue all thair mesouris of stovpeis of quart, pynt, choping, and mwching, occupyit within thair brugh and quhairwith thai by or sell, conformeable to the jadge and stovpe of Sterling, and reporte ane sufficient attestation of thair delegence thairintill to the nixt generall conventioun, vnder the pane of xx li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Statute, stovpeis. Missiue.

9. The samyn day, anent the mater of nominating and cheissing ane commodious place for halding of conventiouns of burrowis in tyme cuming, conforme to the xxxvij act of the last conventioun, contenewis the said mater to the nixt generall conventioun, and ordanis ilk brugh to send thair commissioner sufficientle instructit to ressoun and determine thairintill; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Place of Conwentioune. Missiue.

10. The samyn day, anent the alteratioun of their taxt roll, mentionat Alteratioun of the taxt roll.

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in the xliij act of the last conventioun, the saidis commissioneris efter lang ressoneing and for dyuerssis caussis and consideratiouns moweing thame, findis expedient and ordanis that the present extent roll of burrowis, as it was maid and sett doun at the last conventioun of Brunteland in anno 1597, sall stand and contenew in the samyn forme sorte and effect as it now is, vnalterit or chaingit, for the space of three zeiris nixt efter the daitt heirof.

Irewin, support. Missiue.

11. The samyn day, anent the mater of the brugh of Irewin, mentionat in the xxij act of the last conventioun, contenewis the samyn to the nixt generall conventioun in the samyn forme and maner as it was of before, ordaneing ilk brugh to send with thair commissioner thair pairt, according to the taxt roll, of the soume of fyve hundrethe merkis, quhilk thai ar permittit be the burrowis to borrow vpoun proffeitt, quhilk the said brugh is ordanit to bestow the samyn or samekle thairof as salbe fund neidful, at the sicht of the brugh of Edinbrugh, vpoun compt to be maid to the burrowis, for insisting in thair actioun aganis the vnfre tredderis in thair boundis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue, prouyding the said brugh hes wairit and bestowit the samyn at the sicht of the brugh of Edinbrugh in maner specyfeit in the said act.

Lynlythgow, supporte. Missiue.

12. The samyn day, anent the desyre of the brugh of Lynlythgow, mentionat in the 27 act of the last conventioun, craweand the supporte of the burrowis to the biging and repairing of thair schore and heawin of Blaknes, the saidis commissioneris contenewis the samyn to the nixt conwentioun, ordaneing ilk brugh to compeir sufficientle instructit to gif ansuer thairto, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Dundy, Sanctandrois, Cowper, Kinghorne, Kirkcaldy, contrair Caraill, Anstruther Eister Kilrany, Pittinweyme, Dumbar. Missiue.

13. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brughis of Dundy, Sanctandrois, Cowper, Dysart, Kirkcaldy, Kinghorne, aganis the brughis of Caraill, Kilrany, Anstruther Eister, Pittinweyme, and Dumbar, for trubling of them in loissing of thair hering tane in the fyrthe, packing and peilling of the samyn, mentionat in the 31 act of the last conventioun, the saidis commissioneris of the saidis burrowis being present, the saidis commissioneris contenewis the decisioun of the said complaint quhill the nixt generall conventioun, ordaneing ilk brugh to compeir sufficientle instructit to gif ansuer thairto vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

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Exemptio. Ruglein, Peblis, Lawder, Forres, Renfrow, Kilrany, Wigtoun, Northberuik, Banff, Dumbartane, Culane, Narne, Anstruther Wester, Tayne.

14. The samyn day, the saidis commissioners hes exemet and eximis the brughis following, in maner vnderwrittin, fra all keiping of ony conventiouns for the space of three zeiris nixt efter the dait heirof, viz. : the brughis of Ruglein, Peblis, Lawder, Forres be south Aberdein, Renfrow, Kilrany, Wigtoun, Northberuik, Banff, Dumbartann, Culune, Narne, Anstruther Wester, Tayne, prouyding thay send to ilk conventioun generall, with the commissioner of the nixt brugh nocht exemit, thair autentik lettre of ratefecatioun of all thingis to be done in the said conventioun, togidder with all soumeis that thai salbe fund restand awand to the burrowis for clerk and agent feyis or ony vther caus, vtherwayis to be vnlawet as absentis, and als thir presentis nocht to be extendit to the caissis quhair thai ar wairnit to ansuer at the instance of any particular brugh or party; and the expenssis quhilk thair commissioner micht haue cost them be bestowit vpoun thair brigis, herbereis, tolbuiths, kirkis, or ony vther maist necessar commoun warkis, and compt to be made to the burrowis thairof at the end of the said exemptioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; as lykwayis that thai send with thair said lettre of ratefecatioun the rovpeing of thair commoun guidis and ryding of thair mercheis, vnder the said pane.

Pittinweyme. Impost.

15. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Pittinweyme to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of the impost and dewteis following, for reparatioun of thair heawin and herberie, and to indure for the space of fyve zeiris alanerle fra the dait of the said gift, that is to say, off ilk last hering fyve shillingis, ilk twn wyne fyve s., ilk twn salt tua schillingis, ilk last taikill fyve schillingis, ilk last lynt fyve s., ilk last hempe thre s., ilk last vly sex s. viij d., ilk chalder wittual passand furth of the cuntrey sex schillingis aucht penneis, and returneing within the cuntrey tua s. viij d., ilk last pick and tar iij d., ilk thowsand salt fische sex s. viij d., ilk thowsand dry fische foure schillingis, of ilk hundrethe of all tymber ane; and this impost to be vpliftit of all the guidis aboue writtin quhilk sall happin to be loissit or laidinit at thair said hewin and herbere, prouyding awayis that the said brugh bestow the said impost vpoun reparatioun of thair said herbere, and mak zeirle compt to the burrowis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis, to be payit to the agent in name of the burrowis.

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Precept, Dumbartane. Agent.

16. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris ordanis Iames Wynrame, agent, to gif to Thomas Fallisdaill, commissioner for Dumbartane, the soume of auchtene pundis, to be bestowit be thair said brugh for reparatioun of thair herbere, and the samyn salbe allowit to him in his comptis.

Statute, metting of claithe. Wigtoun. Missiue.

17. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris ordanis the brugh of Wigtoun to cheis common metisteris, for quhome thai salbe ansuerable, for metting of all soirtis of claith bocht or sauld within thair liberteis, and to sie that the kingis liedgeis be nocht dissauit in the said metting, bot reddelie and trewle seruit for ane reasonable dewty to be payit thairfoir, and the said brugh to reporte thair delegence in writt heirvpoun to the nixt generall conwentioun vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis; and this to be ane heid of the next missiue.

Ruglein, Forfar, Elgyne, Anstruther Eister, Selkirk, Iedbrugh, Forfar, Innernes, Thayne, Rossay, Quhithorne. Chairge agent.

18. The samyn day, findis the brughis of Ruglein, Forfar, Elgyne, Anstruther Eister, Selkirk, to haue producit na sufficient delegence in the rovping of thair commoun guidis and perambulating of their mercheis, and thairfoir decernis them and ilk ane of them in ane vnlaw of xx li., and newirtheles vpoun promeis of thair present commissioneris for to mend the samyn to the nixt conventioun, dispensis with the saidis vnlawis, payand presentle in hand for ane rememberance, Ruglein tuentie s., Elgyne xl s., Anstruther Eister xl s., Selkirk tuentie s., quhilk thai did; and decernis the brughis of Forfar, Iedbrugh, Innerness, Thayne, Rossay, Quhithorne, quha producit na kind of delegence nor attestatioun of thair rowpping, ilk ane in ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis for the samyn, to be payit to Iames Wynrame, agent, quhairwith he is to be chairgit in his comptis.

Wigtoun, Kirkcudbricht, restraning forstalleris, regrateris, vnfremen. Missiue.

19. The samyn day, Thomas Mackclenen, commissioner for Kirkcudbrycht, and Archbald Tailzepheir for Wigtoun, oblissit them selffis of thair awin consentis to caus thair saidis brughis to restrain and punische with all rigour the regrateris and foirstalleris within thair boundis, as lykwayis the vnfremen vsurpeand the liberty of thair brugh, and that the commissioneris of thair brughis sall produce to the nixt generall conventioun sufficient attestatioun of thair delegence thairvpoun in wrytt, conteneing the nameis and surnameis of the persouns vnlawit, dischairgit, or put to the horne for the samyn, and failzeand thairof the saidis commissioneris sall

pay to the burrowis the soume of ane hundrethe pundis at the nixt conventioun, in respect quhairof the saidis commissioneris dispensis with the vnlaw quhilk thai sould haue producit at the last conventioun. HADDINGTON, 6th July 1603.

And siclyk decernis the brughis of Dumfreis and Lawder, with consent of thair present commissioneris, to produce at the nixt generall conventioun the lyk delegens aganis thair vnfremen, regrateris and foirstalleris, vnder the pane foirsaid, and this to be ane heid of the missiue. Dumfreis, Lawder, regrateris and foirstalleris. Missiue.

20. The samyn day, anent the mater of Schir Robert Dennelstoun, conseruatour, mentionat in the 4 act of the last conventioun of burrowis, compeirit Iames Wynram, agent, and producit the extract of the said act, with the lauchfull citatioun maid be him of the said conseruatour to this present conventioun, being oftin tymeis callit compeirit nocht, and als compeirit the commissioneris of the brughis of Edinbrugh, Brunteland, Anstruther Eister, and in name of the inhabitantis of thair saidis brughis gawe in thair grewis and complainitis aganis the said conseruatour, quhilk being red and considerit, gewis powir and commissioun to the brughis quha sall meitt at Edinbrugh vpoun Fryday nixt, to ressoun, treitt, and tak ordour with the said mater, and conclude thairintill, and gif neid beis to mak ane heid thairof in the nixt missiue. Commissio. Conseruatour in Campheir. Missiue.

21. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Renfrow contrair Glasgow, for vplifting fra the nichtbouris inhabitantis of Renfrow of sex penneis of ilk thousand hering cummand to thair brig, conforme to 33 act of the last conventioun, William Somervell for Renfrow, and Thomas Pettecruife commissioner of Glesgow being personle present, thair ressouns hard and considderit, the saidis commissioneris decernis and ordanis the said brugh of Glasgow to decist and ceis in all tyme cumming fra vplifting the said dewty, becaus the said Thomas, commissioner foirsaid, compeirand, schew na compt in the contrair. Renfrow contrair Glasgow.

22. The samyn day, findis Maiester Alexander Kellie, commissioner for Dumbar, to have done wrang in his vnreuerent and vndewtefull speichis spokin in this present conventioun in oppin awdience, and trubling and impesching of thair effairis, and speikand without licence, and reprocheand sindre commissioneris, and thairfoir decernis him in ane vnlaw of (*blank*), and dischargis him of all beiring of ony commissioun in thair conventioun in tyme cuming, and the samyn to be intimit to the said brugh that thai Maister Alexander Kellie commissioner for Dumbar dischargeit. Missiue.

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send him nocht thairto vnder the pane of xx li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Hadingtoun contrair Dumbar.

23. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Hadingtoun aganis the brugh of Dumbar, for taking of saxtene penneis of custome for ane cairt drawcht of hering, and aucht penneis for ane laid of hering, bocht and brocht furth and fra thair schore and hewin at the Lambes, the saidis commissioneris ordanis the said brugh of Dumbar to be warnet be the generall missiue to ansuer to the said complaint, and to produce thair richtis, pane xx li., and dischargis them of all vplifting the said dewty quhill the samyn be decydet vnder the pane foirsaid, the inhabitantis of the said brugh of Hadington fyndand cautioun to pay the samyn incais it salbe fund be the burrowis them to haue rycht thairto; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Culross, supporte. Missiue. Dumfreis. Impost. Missiue.

24. The samyn day, anent the supplicatiounis gevin in be the brugh of Culros, craweing supporte to the repairing of thair herbere, and the brugh of Dumfreis craweing ane impost to the reparatioun of thair brig, ordanis ilk brugh to send thair commissioneris sufficientle instructit to gif ansuer thairto; and this to be ane heid of the missiue. And siclyk anent the the complanit of Abirdein contra the inhabitantis of Edinbrugh, Dundy, and Perthe, for derecting ane number of persounis that ar nocht thair actuall servandis in bying of plading and vther wairis, foirstalling and hyndering the merkettis, and ordanis the saidis parteis to be wairnit to ansuer thairto; and this to be an heid of the nixt missiue.

Aberdein contra Edinbrugh, Dundy, Perthe. Missiue.

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Conseruatour fey.

25. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris haueing red and considderit the tua actis of burrowis maid, the ane at Dysart and the vther at Brunteland in anno 1597, dischargeing the conseruatour fra taking of ony conseruatour fey or dewteis bot of the guidis cumand fra Scotland to the stapill, as the saidis actis at mair lenth proportis, ratefeis and apprewis the samyn in all pointis, and ordanis the samyn to be obseruit and keipit be my lord conseruatour in all tymes cuming.

26. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris efter lang ressoneing vpoun the effairis of thair estait, hes considderit and foirsene that, be the

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Comissio, Edinbrugh, Perthe, Dundy, Aberdein, to the Corronatioun of his maieste.

Comissio, certane vther burrowis.

depairting of the kingis maiestie to the realm of Ingland for acceptatioun of his richt and tytill to the croun thairof, thair may be occasioun offerit to obteyne sum redres of the hurtis and preiudiceis done to the estait of burrowis in tymeis bygane, and sum forder consorte and liberty to be haid in tyme cuming, gif the samyn be followit furthe and embraceit in dew tyme, and thairfoir thai be thir presentis gewis commissioun to the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perth, Dundy, Aberdein, to derect and send foure commissioneris, to wit, ane furth of ilk ane of the saidis brughis, to pass in Ingland to the corronatioun of his maiestie, to wysett and congratulatt his maiestie in thair nameis, and to trauell with his grace and sic as hes credeitt for obteyneing of sum releiff and consorte to the saidis burrowis, and to consult with the citie of Londoun and vtheris persouns neidfull quhat cours to follow thairintill, and quhat is neidfull to be done agane the halding of ane parliament of baith the realmis; and forder gewis commissioun to the present commissioneris of the brughis of Glasgow, Lynlythgow, Sanctandrois, Air, Hadingtoun, Kirkcaldy, Brunteland, Dumbartane, Irewin, Wigtoun, Dunfreis, and all vther commissioneris that wilbe present, or ony foure of them, to conveyne with the saidis four burrowis vpoun Fryday nixt at 2 houris efternone in the counsalhous thairof, and thair to consult [and] dewyis mair speciale for derecting the saidis four commissioneris to Ingland, and giffing vnto them thair instructiouns and commissioun in name of the haill burrowis, subscryuit be thair generall clerk, and vnder the seill of the brugh of Edinbrugh; as also to dewyse and deliberatt for forder reporte and tryell gif it be neidfull that the saidis commissioneris sall stay or gang fordward, and gif it beis fund neidfull that thai sall hald thair iournay the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, for defraying of thair expenssis and chairgis thairintill, grantis and giffis vnto them the soume of tua thowsand foure hundreth merkis, and desyris them to borrow the samyn vpoun proffeitt quhill Mertymes nixt, att the quhilk terme the saidis haill commissioneris of burrowis obliss them and thair saidis brughis and remanent burrowis to caus delyuer the said soume with the proffeit thairof, ilk ane for the pairt of thair awin brugh, according to the extent roll, to Iames Wynrame, agentt, in name of the saidis foure brughis, for thair releif of the said borrowit money and profeit thairof, togidder with the soume of tuenty pundis as for damnage and entres, ilk brugh incais thai failze to pay the said soume at the said day, and consentis

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that lettres of horneing be rayissit vpoun the said act aganis the burrowis failzeand, vpoun ane sempill chairge of three dayis alanerly.

Comissio, certane burrowis or ony aucht of them for derectioun of commissioneris to Ingland to the parliament.

ATTOUR the saidis commissioneris of burrowis gewis powir and commissioun to the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perthe, Dundy, Aberdein, Sanctandrois, Air, Sterling, Lynlythgow, Glasgow, Anstruther Eister, Brunteland, Haddingtoun, Cowper, Dumbartane, Elgyne, Kirkcaldy, Kinghorne, Culros, Dunferling, Mwnros, or ony aucht of them, to conweyne at the brugh of Edinbrugh quhatsumewir day or dayis neidfull, as thai salbe aduerteissit be the agent at the derectioun of the brugh of Edinbrugh, vpoun the expenssis of the haill burrowis, to ressaue the reporte of the saidis commissioneris quha sall be derect to Ingland, and to derect new commissiouns towardis the realm of Ingland, as thai sall fynd the necessitte requyre, for the parliament of Ingland, and all vther effairis may concerne the estait of burrowis, and to giff full powir and commissioun and instructioun to that effect, and als to treitt, woitt, conclude, and determine vpoun all materis that sall happin to interweyne and concerne the estaitt of burrowis, alsueill within as without this realm, ay and quhill the next generall conventioun of burrowis, siclyk and als frele as gif the haill commissioneris of burrowis of this realm micht do them selffis gif thai war all assemblitt in ane generall assemble; and quhat expenssis thai sall fynd neidfull to mak or deburse in the saidis effairis of burrowis the commissioners of burrowis promittis and oblissis them and thair saidis brughis and haill burrowis of this realme to refound the samyn agane, ilk brugh according to thair awin pairt according to the taxt roll; and the saidis brughis absent being warnet be the agent as saidis to pay ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis.

Kirkcaldy. Missiue.

27. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris ordanis it to be ane heid of the nixt missiue, anent the supplicatioun of Kirkcaldy, craweing payment of the soume of thrette pundis ten s. viij d., debursit be them in the effairis of burrowis as thai alegeit, ordaneing ilk brugh to compeir to gif ansuer thairto.

Comissio, Sey lawis, Dumbartane.

28. The samyn day, gewis powir and commissioun to the commissioneris quha sall conveyne at Edinbrugh vpoun Fryday nixt to wysie the sey lawis, sett doun at the last conwentioun of Air, and to tak ordour thairwith for publicatioun and prenting and authorizing of them be the kingis maieste; and siclyk referis to the saidis commissioneris the heidis and artikleis pro-

ducit in this conwentioun be the brugh of Dumbartane, and to gif ansuer and resolutioun thairin. HADDINGTON, 7th July 1603.

29. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Patrik Ratteray and Adame Weir, merchandis, aganis the magistrattis of Perthe and thair customearis, for exacting of them heyer and exorbitant customeis, nocht onle in tyme of fairis bot lykwayis of guidis and geir nocht coft within thair toun, the commissioneris ordanis it be ane heid of the nixt missiue desyring the said brugh to cum instructit to gif ansuer thairto, pane xx li. Ratteray, Weir, contra Perthe. Missiue.

30. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh off Hadingtoun aganis the brughis of Dundy, Sanctandrois, and Northeberuik, for exacting of extraordinar customeis of thair nichtbouris quha passis throw thair brugh, and to sum of thair brughis to sell woll, and speciale the brugh of Dundy vptaking of saxtene penneis of custome, xij d. of schoresiller, with xiij s. iiij d., and ane fleis of woll, of custome, with sex s. viij d. for weying thairof; and the brugh of Sanctandrois for haueing thair stane weight augmentit to tuenty pundis weight and ane half; the commissioneris of all the saidis brughis being present, contenewis thair ansuer to be gevin thairto to the nixt conventioun, ordaneing the saidis brughis to compeir sufficiently instructit to gif ansuer thairto vnder the pane of xx li. Complaint, Hadingtoun contra Dundy, Sanctandrois, Northeberuik. Missiue.

31. The samyn day, findis the brughis vnderwrittin and ilk ane of them in ane vnlaw of xx li. for absence fra this present conventioun, being lauchfulle warnet thairto be the generall missiue, and ordanis Iames Wynrame, agent, to vplift the samyn, quhairwith he is to be chairgit in his compts, viz., Innerness, Tayne, Quhithorne, Rossay. Innernes, Quhithorne, Tayne, Rossay, vnlawit. Chairge Agent.

32. The samyn day, ordanis Iames Wynrame, agent, to pay to Iames Gray, commoun clerk of this brugh, the soume of tuenty pundis for his panis tane in writting and derecting of the generall missiue, and the samyn salbe allowit to him in his comptis, and that of the first and reddiest vnlawis. Precept, Gray Agent.

33. The samyn day, ordanis it be ane heid of the nixt missiue that all brughis quha hes or vsis watter mettis that thai cum sufficienle instructit to ressoun, woitt, and conclude how the abussis dayle vsit be the customearis, be owirsicht of the magistrattis quha sufferis the samyn, sum les sum mair, be reducit to ane conformete, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Watter Mettis. Missiue:

34. The samyn day, desertis and desoluis this present conwentioun, and

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Nixt Conwentioun at Cowper.

appointis and affixis thair nixt generall conwentioun to be begun and haldin at the brugh of Cowper the thrid day of Iulij nixt, with contenewatioun of dayis, ordaneing the commissioner of the said brugh to intimy the samyn to thair magistrattis, and thai to aduerteis in dew tyme.

Thomas Cokburne, moderatour.
Iohne Robertsoune for Edinbrugh.
Geoirge Heireot, eldar.
Iames Adamsone,
Peter Clayhillis for Dundie.
W. Somervell.
An. Wilsone.
A. Broun.
Will. Ramsey.
G. Durie.
Thomas Makclellan.
Archbald Tailfeir for Wigtone.
Hew Baylle for Northberwyk.
Williame Patoun, commissioner for Irwing.
Wilyam Blak for Anstruther Ester.
Alex^{r}. Currour, commissioner for Banff.
Wm Pringill for Lawder.
Iohnne Forret for Culrose.
Iames Scot, belze, Selkirk.
William Wilkie.
Walter Cowane for Sterling.
Alexander Lokhart for Ayre.
I. Williamsoun.
Iames Douglas for Elgin.
I. Andersone for Cowper.
Thomas Fallusdaill.
Alexander Jaffray for Abirden.
A. Ker for Linlythquow.
Dauid Watsoune, Sanctandrois.
Thomas Pettigrow.
Alex^{r}. Setoune.
Dauid Huchen.
Mr Arthur Erskyne.
William Pratus, commissioner for Dumfermling.
Thomas Dischingtone for Pettinweyme.
Iohne Corsaue for Dunfreis.
Thomas Cunnynghame for Carraill.
Nicoll Kelly for Dombar.
Dauid Philp for Anstruther Wester.
Ihone Dikesoune.

In the Particular Conventioun of Burrowis, haldin at the brugh of Edinbrugh the aucht day of Iulij j^m vj^c and three zeiris, be the Commissioneris vnderwrittin, for the caussis efter specyfeit, as haiffing commissioun of the Generall Conventioun haldin at Hadington the fyft day of Iulij instant.

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EDINBRUGH, Iohn Robertsoun, George Heriott, eldar; Perthe, Iames Adamesoun; Dundy, Peter Clayhillis; Abirdein, Alexander Jaffray; Air, Alexander Lockart of Boghall; Glasgow, Thomas Pettecruiff; Lynlythgow, Androw Ker, clerk; Lanerik, William Wilkyne; Kirkcaldy, Dauid Huchesoun; Dumbartane, Thomas Fallisdaill; Sanctandrois, Dauid Watsoun; Irewin, William Patoun; Culros, Iohne Forrett; Dumfreis, Iohnne Corsaue; Wigtoun, Archbald Tailzepheir; Kirkcudbrycht, Thomas Makclenen; Dysart, Iohne Williamsoun; Kinghorne, Androw Broun.

Derecting of Commissioneris to Ingland.

The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris, efter lang ressoneing gif it sould be necessar or nocht that the commissioneris, appointit be the generall conventioun haldin at Hadingtoun the fyft of Iulij instant, sould pas fordward in thair iournay to the corronatioun of his maieste in Ingland, findis it nocht neidful at this tyme, for dyuerssis caussis, and thairfoir contenewis the derectioun of ony commissioneris quhill ane parliament.

Conseruatour, agent. Missiue.

The samyn day, ordanis Iames Wynram, agent, to warne my lord conseruatour to compeir before the commissioneris of burrowis in thair conventioun haldin at Cowper, to ansuer to the complaintis of the brughis of Edinbrugh, Brunteland, Anstruther Eister.

Dumbartane, licence to sett thair commoun mwre.

The samyn day, haiffing red and considderit the haill artickileis producit be Thomas Fallisdaill, commissioner for the brugh of Dumbartane, and speciale that artickle desyring licence of the burrowis to sett in few or lang takis thair wyld and comoun mwre, lyand aucht myle distant fra thair brugh, na wayis proffitable to them nor the inhabitantis thairoff, and that to quhatsumeuir persouns quha will bid maist thairfoir, dispensand with thair actis of burrowis, and speciale the act maid at Kinghorne, ordaneing

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the said brugh to sett the samyn onle to the burgessis of thair awin brugh and to na vtheris ; and thatt inrespect of thair grit necessitte and wantt of commoun guid to the reparatioun of thair brugh, quhilk of laitt is lyk to be cutit away be the watter of Lewin, and for bying in agane of thair pittecustomeis to them selffis quhilk of auld hes bene sauld be thair predecessouris ; the saidis commissioneris, efter ressoneing and consideratioun haid be thame of the appeirand decay of the said brugh, granttis and gewis licence to the said brugh of Dumbartane to sett in few or lang takis thair said commoun mwre to sic as biddis maist thairfoir efter lauchfull rovping thairoff, prowyding awayis that at the said rowpping and setting of the samyn in few or tak thay obteyne the consent of the provest, baillies, counsall, and communitie of the said brugh or maist pairt of them, as lykwayis resseruand to the said brugh and to the vse of the inhabitantis thairof ane myle nerrest them selffis betuixt and Auchtinreoch, togidder with peitis, turff, hedder, querrell, and hie gaittis, vsit and wont, and that the said brugh tak securite be infeftement of the few duty gottin thairfoir within thair brugh and terrotorie thairoff, dispensand with the actis of burrowis maid of before and speciale the act maid at Kinghorne in anno 1600, and agreis that thai sett thair mylneis to the wtter awaill be few or lang takis.

Iohne Robertsone for Edinbrugh.
Alexander Jaffray for Aberdene.
Alexr. Lokhart for Ayre.
Archbald Tailfeir for Wigton.
J. Andersone commissioner for Cowper.
Dauid Watsoune, Sanctandrois.
Thomas Fallusdaill.
Thomas Pettegrew.

In the Particulare Conventioun of the Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Edinburgh the xxiiij day of Apryle the zeir of God I^m sex hunder and foure zeirs, be the Commissioneris of Burrowis vnderwritten, convenit to the parliament of the haill Estaittis of this realme, begun and haldin at the said brugh the said day; to witt. EDINBURGH, 24th April 1604.

EDINBURGH, Henre Nesbet, George Hereot; Perth, Iames Adamsone; Dundy, Williame Auchenleck, Maister Alexander Wadderburne, Iohne Fynlawsoune; Striviling, Iohnn Williamesone, Iames Schort; Aberdeyne, Alexander Rutherfurd; Lynlythgow, Andro Keir; Air, Dauid Fergussoun, Iohne Lockart; Haddingtoun, Hary Cokburne; Laynrig, Dauid Blair; Anstruther Eister, Iohnn Anstruther; Glasgow, Iames Forret, Williame Andersoun; Carraill, Iohnn Makysoun; Dumbartane, Iohnn Sempill; Sanctandrois, Maister Williame Weymes, Maister Williame Russell; Renfrow, Williame Someruell; Montros, Henrie Erskyne; Northbervick, Thomas Lawder; Kirkaldy, Iohne Loudoun; Dunfreis, Iohne Corsen; Innerkeything, Harie Kinglassie; Rugling, Iohne Riddell; Forfar, Iohnn Swittie, Iohnn Traill; Dysert, Williame Carmichaell; Kingorne, Williame Cunninghame; Dunbar, Maister Eduard Aitkyne; Pittinweyme, Thomas Beynstoun; Kirkcubrycht, Iohnn Inglis; Brunt Iland, Maister Andro Wilsoun; Lauder, Mark Sandersone; Pebles, Gawyne Thomesoun; Irwing, Hew Garwen; Elgyn, Alexander Gordoun.

The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris, haifand red and considerit the xxvj act of the last conwentioun of burrowis haldin at Hadingtoun in the moneth of Iulij last, geweand commissioun to certane burrowis or ony aucht of them to intreatt, woitt, and conclude in all thair effairis mentionat in the said act; and als haiffing considerit the fyft act of the said conwentioun, concerneing the generall chairtour maid to the haill burrowis of certane thair liberteis and preueledgeis, quhilk euident was presentle exhibite be Iames Adamesoun, commissioner of Perthe, and red in thair awdience; the saidis commissioneris, for extracting or transsumeing of the said ewident and making of the samyn autentik thatt all burrowes haifing entres may haue the autentik extract thairof, and for switting sic writtis as thai haue Extent of iij c. merk.

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or may haue to do with at this present parliament, and for setting fordward of thair commoun effairis, hes thocht expedient, grantit and ordanit, according to commissioun contenit in the said xxvj act, that thair be ane generall extent of thre hundrethe merkis raissit vpoun the haill burrowis according to the extent roll, and that Iames Wynraham collect and inbring the samyn, to be bestowit be him at the sicht of the brugh of Edinbrugh, or samony commissioneris as salbe for the tyme in the said brugh, to the saidis vseis, and he to mak compt at the nixt conwentioun generall of the samyn; and the commissioneris present war content to pay thair pairtis thairof to the said Iames before thair depairting hame fra this present parliament, and thai that payis nocht thair pairt thairof before the samyn tyme to pay ane vnlaw of ten pundis ilk brugh to the said Iames in name of the haill burrowis, and ordanis the said Iames to do his delegence to crawe in the rest thairof agane the said nixt generall conwentioun.

Secundo Maij I^{m} vj^{c} iiij^{o}.

Generall conventioun to be haldin at Edinburgh preventio termino or place of parliament.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowis presentle conwenit, vnderstanding that the parliament of the estaitis of this realm is contenewit to the thrid day of Iulij nixt within the brugh of Edinbrugh or sic vther place as salbe thocht, quhilk is the verray tyme affixit to the nixt generall conwentioun of burrowis appointit be the generall missiue to be haldin at Cowper in Fyfe; thairfoir, and for the better ease of the haill burrowis, and for vther guid and ressonabill caussis, the saidis commissioneris hes thocht expedient statute and ordanit that the said generall conwentioun be begun and haldin the said day at the said brugh of Edinburgh, or ony vther brugh quhair the parliament sall sytt and be haldin, nochtwithstanding the act maid at Haddingtoun for halding the said conventioun the said day at Cowper, with the quhilk thai dispens be thir presentis, and ordanis ilk brugh that is present to send thair commissioneris sufficiently instrucit to conweyne the said day and place siclyk as thai micht haue done att Cowper, vnder the pane and vnlaw mentionat in the said act of Hadingtoun, and to aduerteis thair nixt brughis be thair missiue that thai pretend na ignorance thairof; and als ordanis the agent to aduerteis the said brugh of Cowper of the samyn, and to desyre thame that sic brughis as knawis

nocht this present act and sall happin to conveyne at the said brugh of Cowper the said day, to aduerteis thame heirof and to requyre them to cum to Edinbrugh or the place quhair the parliament sall hald the nixt day, to witt the fourt day of Iulij foirsaid, to conweyne with the rest of the commissioneris, with certefecatioun gif thai compeir nocht the said fourt day thai salbe callit and vnlawit as absentis fra the generall conventioun; and the said Iames to mak reporte of his delegence in aduerteissing the said brugh of Cowper at the said generall conwentioun conforme to this present act and to send thame the extract heirof; als it is thocht expedient that sic burrowis as ar vpoun the artikles of the parliament send vther speciall commissioneris by them of the artikleis to sytt and conveyne with the rest of the commissioneris of the said generall conwention, and sua to send double commissioneris that the generall conventioun be nocht disapoyntit of thair nvmber to be occupyit in thair effairis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li. ilk brugh failzeand in the premissis. EDINBURGH, 2d May 1604.

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Apud Perthe.

In the Generall Conwentioun off Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Perthe the thrid day of Iulij I^m sex hundrethe and foure zeris, Comperit the Commissioneris following, and producit thair commissiouns in maner vnderwrittin: to witt:— Perth, 3d July 1604.

EDINBRUGH, Rodger Maknache, merchand, George Foulis, goldsmythe; Perthe, Henre Elder, commoun clerk, Constyne Malice; Dundy, William Afflek of Wodhill, baillie, William Goldman; Aberdene, Alexander Rutherfuird of Robislaw, provest, and Alexander Rutherfuird his sone; Sterling, Iames Schort, baillie, Doncane Patersoun, deyne of gild; Lynlythgow, Androw Ker, clerk; Glasgow, Iames Forrett, baillie; Sanctandrois, Androw Watsoun, thesaurer; Dysart, Maister Iohnne Weymiss, baillie; Air, George Cocherane; Hadingtoun, Harie Cokburne; Kirkcaldy, Dauid

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Huchesoun ; Anstruther Eister, Iohn Anstruther ; Dumfreis, Iohnne Corsaue ; Cowper, Alexander Iamesoun; Innernes, Thomas Dalgleish ; Breichin, William Ramsay, clerk ; Irewin, Hew Garwin, clerk ; Elgyne, George Brady ; Iedbrugh, (*blank*) ; Kirkcudbricht, Thomas Hall ; Wigtoun, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Air ; Pittinweyme, Thomas Benistoun; Dumferling, William Pratus; Dumbartane, Iohnne Sempill; Renfrow, be thair exemptioun and ratefecation producit be Glasgow ; Lanerik, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Edinbrugh; Arbrothe, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Breichin ; Mwnros, William Barklay ; Brunteland, Patrik Greiff ; Peblis, Gawin Thomesoun ; Carraill, Iohne Makesoun, clerk ; Kinghorne, Henre Bosuell ; Tayne, Walter Ros ; Anstruther Wester, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Pittinweyme ; Selkirk, (*blank*) ; Culros, George Bruce of Carnock, Iohn Forrett, cle k ; Dumbar, Iohnne Fisher ; Banff, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Aberdene ; Quhithorne, (*blank*) ; Forfar, Androw Hunter ; Rossay, (*blank*); Forres, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Elgyne ; Ruglein, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Glasgow ; Northberuik, Thomas Lawder ; Cullane, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Aberdein ; Narne, (*blank*) ; Lawder, Mark Sandersoun ; Innerkeything, Henre Kinglassie ; Kilrany, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Anstruther Eister; Sanquhar, (*blank*).

Moderatour.

1. The samyn day, makis, creattis, and constitutis Constyne Malice, merchand, thair moderatour during this conventioun, vpoun the eirnest siste of Henre Elder, clerk, quha is first in the commissioun to him, quha compeirand acceptit the samyn and gawe his aith in *communi forma.*

Convening, absentis, speiking.

2. The saidis commissioneris appointis the houris of thair conventioun to be at sevin houris in the morneing quhill tuelff, and fra (*blank*) houris efternone quhill sex at evin, and the persouns absent at the ceissing of the bell and calling of the rollis to pay ane vnlaw of sex s. viij d., but favour, and that nane speik without licence of the moderatour, nather mixt ressoneing with woitting, vnder the said pane.

Place of Conventioun.

3. The samyn day, the act concerning the alteratioun of the place of conventioun fra the brugh of Cowper to this brugh maid at Edinbrugh in Aprile last was read in thair awdience, and the agent weryfeit the intimatioun thairof to the said brugh in dew tyme, quhilk thair commissioner confest, quhairvpoun he askit instrumentis.

4. The samyn day, anent the fourt act of the last conventioun and second pairt thairof, mentionat in the first heid of the generall missiue, concerning the brughis of Kirkcudbricht and Wigtoun, quhairin thai ar ordanit be the said act to produce at this conventioun sufficient delegence in writt of restraning and pvnishing of ane grit mwltitude of regrateris, foirstalleris, and vnfremen, resortand oppinle and notoriousle in thair fairis and merkettis, and at all vther tymeis within thair liberteis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundrethe pundis to be payit to the burrowis, Compeirit Thomas Hall, commissioner for the said brugh of Kirkcudbricht, and producit lettres of horneing, dewle execute and indorsitt, quhairin thair is ane grit number of the saidis persouns denuncit and registrat, quhilk lettres the saidis commissioneris causit presentle be delyuerit to Iames Wynram, agent, and ordanis him to put the samyn to forder executioun, and he to reporte his delegence thairof at the nixt conventioun; and, for caussis moveing thame, thai discharge the said brugh the vnlaw of xx li. quhilk thai sould haue payit, prouyding thai pay to the said Iames, presentle, the soume of ten merkis, for making of the expenssis in putting the saidis lettres to forder executioun be raising of caption, and the said agent to reporte his delegence to the nixt conventioun.

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And findis that the brugh of Wigtoun hes nocht compeirit, nather vsit na kynd of delegence for executioun of the said act within thair liberteis conforme to the tenour thairof, and thairfoir discernis thame in ane vnlaw of j^{c} li., to be payit to the burrowis, and ordanis the said brugh to be chairgit be the generall missiue to produce mair exact delegence at the nixt conventioun, vnder the pane and vnlaw of ane hundrethe pundis.

Wigtoun unlawet. Missiue. Chairge agent.

And siclyk, hafing exemenit the delegence producit be the commissioner of Dumfreis for executioun of the said act, findis thai haue nocht fullie satiffeit the tenour thairof in all pointis, neuirtheles, for caussis moveing them, thai remit and discharge the said vnlaw, providing thai pay presentle to the agent the soume of ten pundis, vtherwayis decernis them in the haill vnlaw, and ordanis the said brugh to rais lettres of horneing and put the samyn to executioun conforme to Kirkcudbricht, and to reporte the samyn to the nixt generall conventioun with the rolment of court in pvnishing of thair inhabitantis; and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Dumfreis. Chairge agent. Missiue.

5. The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Lawder to produce to the nixt general conwentioun forder delegens in pvnishing and restraning of foir-

Lauder, forestalleris. Missiue.

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stalleris, regrateris, and vnfremen, within thair boundis, conforme to the actis maid of before; and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Dumbar, vnfremen. Charge agent. Missiue.

6. The samyn day, haifing exemenat and tryitt the delegens producit be the brugh of Dumbar, anent the executioun of the 4 act of the last conventioun, for staying of vnfremen to pak, peill, and tred within thair boundis, findis thair delegence nocht sufficient, and thairfoir decernis thame in ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis, providing that gif [thai] pay presentle ten pundis to the said Iames Wynram, agent, thai to be fre of the said vnlaw, vtherwayis the said vnlaw to stand, and ordanis them to reporte to the brugh of Edinbrugh betwixt and Mychalmes nixt thair exact delegens in writt of restraining and pvnishing the said vnfremen that sall happin to pak and peill any fishe or hering at this nixt tak within thair boundis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis to be payit to the burrowis, and the said brugh of Edinbrugh to reporte the samyn to the nixt conventioun, and that Iames Wynram agent try and speir outt all vnfremen quhilk thai sall happin to owirsie, vnpunishit, conforme to the said act, and gif vp thair nameis to the nixt conventioun, and the brughis of Haddingtoun and Northeberuik to assist him heirintill; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Vnfre traffiqueris. Owtland burgessis. Missiue.

7. The samyn day, ordanis ilk brugh, as of before, to schaw and produce to the nixt generall conventioun thair exact delegens in wrytt in restraining and pvnishing of vnfre traffiqueris, sailleris without tikettis, regrateris, and foirstalleris, and vnfremen within thair liberteis, vsurpeand the liberty of thair brugh, and of depryueing the outlandis burgessis and gif vp the nameis of the offendaris and placeis quhair thai duell, conforme to the last pairt of the 4 act of the last conventioun; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Dundie, Sanctandrois, Innernes. Commissioners. Missiue.

8. The samyn day, anent the [6] act of the last conventioun, concerning the additioun maid to the actis of burrowis for derecting of commissioneris to parliamentis, conventioun of estaittis, and burrowis, ordanis the brughis of Dundy, Sanctandrois, and Innernes, to reporte to the nixt conventioun thair delegens in writt of intimatioun of the said act to thair magistratis and counsall, be extractting the said act and registering the samyn in thair buikis that thai may pretend na ignorance; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue; and the remanent commissioneris declairit that thair last commissioneris haid intimitt the said act to thair bailleis and counsall.

Dysart. Missiue.

9. The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Dysart, zit as of before, to pro-

duce to the nixt generall conwentioun the principall chairtour of their erectioun in ane fre brugh, to be sene and considderit be the saidis burrowis, according to the act maid of before, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tua hundreth pundis at the leist; to produce in mair formell maner the actis of the electioun of thair counsall and maiestratis vpoun seuerall dayis as thai ar according to the actis of burrowis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

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10. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris being convenit, anent the [9] act of the last conventioun, for nominating ane commodious place of generall conventioun, the saidis commissioneris efter ressoneing findis guid to reserwe the samyn in the optioun of the commissioneris to be nominat be them at ilk conventioun generall as thai sall think guid, according to the necessitte of the tyme.

Place of conventiouns.

11. The samyn day, anent the 17 act of the last conventioun, quhairin the brugh of Wigton is ordanit to mak reporte for cheising of commoun metisteris, for quhome thai sould ansuer, for metting of all claith coft and sauld within thair liberty, findis the said brugh hes failzeitt thairin, and thairfoir decernis thame in ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis to be payit to the agent in name of the burrowis; and ordanis the said brugh, zit as of before, to elect and cheis thair commoun metisteris of sufficient number, for quhome thai salbe ansuerable, and produce the samyn to the nixt conventioun with the particular dewteis quhat thai tak for thair mettage, and the persouns nameis electit, and reporte the samyn in wrytt be thair personell presens to the nixt conventioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis to be payit be the said brugh to the burrowis, and ordanis the brugh of Kirkcudbrycht to try the proceidingis of the said brugh in the premissis and reporte to the nixt conventioun; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Wigtoun, metisteris. Charge agent. Missiue.

12. The samyn day, anent the mater of Irewin concerning the soume of fyve hundrethe merkis grantit to them be the burrowis, mentionat in the generall missiue and allevint act of the last conventioun, findis the said brugh hes nocht bestowit the samyn according to the tennour of the said act, zitt,

Irewyne, contributioun. Missiue.

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vnderstanding the samyn hes nocht bene in thair default, be resoun of the seiknes in Edinbrugh, quhairby the sessioun hes nocht sittin, and thairfoir, zit as of before, ordainis the said brugh to insist in their actioun and bestow the said soume be adwyse of the said brugh of Edinbrugh, and mak compt thairof to the nixt conventioun, and ordanis ilk brugh to bring and produce with them to the nixt conventioun generall thair pairt of the said soume of fyve hundreth merkis, and of the soume of thre scoir merkis in satiffactioun of all annuell rent bygane, and to cum vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li. ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Haddingtoun contra Dumbar.

13. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Hadingtoun contra Dumbar, mentionat in the xxiij act of the last conventioun, for taking of saxtene penneis of custome for ilk cairt drawcht of hering and aucht pennies of ilk laid of hering bocht and brocht fra thair hewin and schore at Lambes, the commissioneris of baith the said brughis being present, thair ressouns and alegeanceis hard and considerit, the saidis commissioneris decernis and ordanis the said brugh of Dumbar to decist and ceis fra all vplifting of the said dewtis in tyme cuming, and this becaus Iohn Fischer thair commissioner producit na warrand for vplifting thairof and schew na ressonabill caus in the contrair, and this without preiudice to the brugh of Dumbar to vplift the dewtis contenit in their impost grantit to them be the burrowis ; and thairvpoun askit instrumentis.

Haddingtoun contra Dundie, Sanctandrois, Northeberuik. Missiue.

14. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Hadingtoun contrair Dundy, Sanctandrois, and Northeberuik, the commissioneris of all the saidis brughs being present, the complaint aganis Dundy is contenewit to the nixt conventioun in the samyn forme and effect as is mentionat in the 30 act of the last conwentioun, sa far as concernis the vptaking of the fleishe of woll ; and anent the dewty of xiij s. iiij d. the commissioner of Dundy declairit that thai dischargit the samyn, as als that thai tak na mair for weyage bot ane penny for the stane ; and anent thair complaint contrair Sanctandrois for taking saxtene penneis of the polk of woll, and for haifing thair stane weychtis augmentit to tuenty pund j halff, the commissioner of Sanctandrois declairit thai tak allanerly iiij d. the pak, and for weyage ij d. the stane, and that thair stane weycht is conforme to Edinbrugh, and thairfoir dischargis the said brugh of all vplifting of gritter dewteis and of all vseing of vther weychtis except conforme to Edinbrugh, quhairvpoun Harie Cokburne, commissioner for Hadingtoun, askit instrumentis ; and

ordanis it to be ane heid of the missiue; concerning Dundy and anent thair complaint contrair the brugh of Northeberuik, for taking of saxtene penneis of ilk pak woll of custome of the nichtbouris of thair said brugh, the commissioner of Northeberuik being present aleget that thair said brugh vpliftit na custome of ony packis bot sic as passit be sey, to the quhilk thai haid rycht be ane impost grantet to them be the burrowis quhilk thai presentle producit, inrespect quhairof the saidis commissioneris assoilzet the said brugh fra the said complaint, quhairvpoun Thomas Lawder thair commissioner askit instrumentis. PERTH, 4th, 5th July 1604.

15. The samyn day, anent the xiij act of the last conventioun mentionat in the generall missiue, concerning the complaint of the brughis of Dundy, Sanctandrois, Cowper, Dysart, Kirkcaldy, Kinghorne, agains the brughis of Carraill, Anstruther Eister, Kilranny, Pittinweyme, Dumbar, for trubling of them in loissing of thair hering tane in the firthe, paking and peilling of the samyn, the commissioneris of all the saidis burrowis being present except Kilrany, the said commissioneris of new * * * Dundie, Sanctandrois, Cowper, Disart, Kirkcaldy, Kingorne, contra Carraill, Anstruther, Kilrany, Pittinweyme, Missiue.

Quinto Iulij I^m vj^c iiij^o.

16. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Stryviling to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of the impost and dewteis following, for reparatioun of their hewin and herberie, in biging of schoiris and bulwarkis, and redding the fuirdis of thair watter for schiping and trafficing to and fra thair brugh, and that to indure for the space of nyntene zeiris allanerle fra the dait of the said gift, that is to say: of ilk last hering fyve s., ilk last salmond vj s. viij d., ilk twn wyne thre s. iiij d., ilk chalder salt tua schillingis, ilk last takill fyve schillingis, ilk last lynt fyve s., ilk last hempe foure s., ilk last oylie sex s. aucht pennies, ilk chalder wittuall passand aff the cuntrey sex schillingis viij d., ilk chalder wittuall within the countrey tua schillingis viij d., ilk last pick and tar thre s., ilk thowsand salt fishe sex schillingis viij d., ilk thowsand dry fishe foure s., item of ilk hundreth tymber ane of all soirtis loissand and laidand at the said porte, ilk pennok skynns thre s., ilk last hyidis foure s., ilk hundreth lamb skynis sex penneis, ilk tun drinking beir tua s., ilk last yrne foure s., item ilk ship haifing tua tappis threttene s. iiij d., ilk ship haifing Stirling. Impost.

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ane tap ten s., ilk creyar with ane tap sex s. viij d., ilk creyar wantand ane tape thre s. iiij d., ilk ferrie boitt laidnit with wairis of ankerage foure penneis, and thre s. of ilk tun stapill wairis, ilk laid bark foure penneis; and this impost to be vpliftit of the guidis abouewritten quhilk sall happin to be loissit or laidnit at thair said heawin and herbere, prouyding awayis that the said brugh bestow the said impost vpoun reparatioun of thair said schore and herbere, and mak zeirle compt thairof to the burrowis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis, to be payit to the agent in name of the burrowis.

Annand, frie brugh. Missiue.

17. The samyn day, compeirit Iohne Corsaue, commissioner for the brugh of Dumfreis, and as procuratour constitute be Iohn Iohnstoun of Newby, prouest of the brugh of Annand, George Bell and Robert Locke, bailleis thairof, with ane nvmber of the counsall of the samyn, and producit ane supplicatioun in name of the said brugh, beiring that of auld thay ar erectit in ane fre brugh regall, and becaus of the grit reiffis and oppressions thai haue nocht hithertillis bene habill to keip conventiouns generall nor particular, and now inrespect of the preferment of the kingis maieste thair souerane to the realm of Ingland thay hoipit in quyetnes to posses thair said brugh with all liberteis belanging to ane fre brugh, and thairfoir desyring thair lordships to admit and ressaue them in thair nvmber; with the quhilkis the saidis commissioneris being adwyssit, ordanis the said brugh to produce to the nixt conwentioun generall thair chairtour of erectioun in ane fre brugh regall to be sene and considderit be the saidis commissioneris, and gif ony brugh hes ony caus quhairfoir the said brugh sould nocht be inrollet that thai compeir sufficientle instrucit with thair rychtis and ressouns; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Dumbartane contra Glasgow, Renfrew. Missiue.

18. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Dumbartane contrair the brughis of Glasgow and Renfrow, viz., the brugh of Glasgow for vplifting ane peny at thair brig of custome, conforme to ane licence grantit to them be the burrowis quhilk is lang syne expyrit, and the brugh of Renfrow for suffering ane nvmber of vnfremen to keip oppin merkettis in selling of stapill wairis in the clachenis of Kylmacolm and the new kirk of Girnok within thair liberty and fredome but controlment, ordanis the saidis brughis to be warnet be the generall missiue to ansuer to the said complaintis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.

19. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris hes exemitt and eximis the brughis following fra all conventiouns generall in maner following, viz.:— the brughis of Northberuik and Thane for the space of fyve zeiris, the brugh of Kirkcudbricht for the space of thre zeiris, Dumbar, Innernes, Arbrothe (*blank*), prouyding thai send to ilk conventioun generall, with the commissioner of the nixt brugh nocht exemit, thair autentik lettre off ratefecatioun of all thingis to be done in the said conwentioun, togidder with all soumeis that thai salbe fund restand awand to the burrowis for clerk and agent feyis or ony vther caus, vtherwayis to be vnlawit as absentis, and thir presentis nocht to be extendit to the caissis quhair thai ar warnet at the instance of ony particular brugh or party, and the expenssis quhilk thair commissioner micht haue cost them be bestowit vpoun thair brigis, herbereis, tolbuithis, kirkis, or ony vther maist necessar commoun warkis, and compt to be maid to the burrowis thairof at the end of the said exemptioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., as lykwayis that thai send with thair said lettre off ratefecatioun the rowpeing of thair commoun guid and ryiding of thair mercheis, vnder the said pane.

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Exemptiouns, Northbervik, Kirkcudbricht, Dumbar, Innernes.

20. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the bruch off Abirdein aganis the brugh of Dysart, beiring that the said brugh, in contrair the statutis of burrowis, haid creatt Adame and Thomas Burnetis, merchandis, thair burgessis, quha hes thair actuall residence within the toun of Fraserbrugh, and byis thair merchandrice thair, lyk as thai haue tua schipis quhairin thai ship thair guidis thair, and cumis doun fra the said toun to the said brugh of Dysart quha ressauis thair custome and gewis furth thair cokquett as gif thai war burgessis and fremen of burrowis and haid laidnit at ane fre porte, to the grit skaith of fre burrowis, the commissioner of Dysart being present declairit that Adame Burnet was admitit burges of thair brugh in September last, quha, the tyme of his admissioun, oblissit him self to mak his residence betuixt and the tent day of September thairefter, and denyis that Thomas Burnett is thair burges; thairfoir the said commissioneris ordanis the said brugh of Dysart to caus the said Adame Burnett mak his actuall residence within thair said brugh betuixt and the said day, and giff he failze to depryve him of his liberty and reporte thair delegence to the nixt conventioun; and als statutis and ordanis that the said brugh, and al vther burrowis quha hes powir of the geving of cokquettis, sall at na tyme heirefter grant or giff ane cokquett to ony vnfre-

Abirdeyne contra Dysart.

Dysart, Burnett, Missiue.

Statute, Cokquets geving.

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men duelland in vnfre touns and quhair the ship or weshellis ar laydnit at vnfre portis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis to be payit to the burrowis ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Lynlythgow, support. Missiue.

21. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris, haifing red and considderit the 12 act of the last conventioun mentionat in the generall missiue, concerning the supporte crawit be the brugh of Lynlythgow to the reparatioun of thair shore and herbere of Blaknes, findis the desyre thairof ressonabill, and thairfoir ordanis ilk brugh to cum sufficientle instrucit to the nixt conventioun generall quhat soume of money thai will grant to the said brugh, be taxatioun, for thair supporte to the perfyting of the wark foirsaid; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Culros, Bruntiland, support. Missiue.

22. The samyn day, anent the desyre of the brugh of Culros, mentionat in the 24 act of the last conwentioun, craweing supporte of the burrowes for reparatioun of thair hewin and shore, and siclyk the supplicatiounis of the brughis of Brunteland and Thane, ather of them craweing supporte for reparatioun of thair herbereis and shore, being ruyneous and habill to decay without tymeous reparatioun thairof, the saidis commissioneris contenewis thair ansuer to the said supplicatiounis quhill the nixt conventioun, and ilk brugh to cum sufficientle instrucit to giff ansuer thairto ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Edinbrugh contra Bruntiland. Missiue.

23. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Edinbrugh aganis the brugh of Brunteland, for derecting of Maister Androw Wilsoun thair commoun clerk, haiffing commissioun as he alleget of the said brugh, to concur with the Erle of Mortoun and certane barrouns in Lowthiane to the complaint gevin in be them aganis the said brugh off Edinbrugh, contrair to the actis of burrowis, Patrik Greiff, commissioner for the said brugh, being present declairit the said Mr Androw haid na commissioun of the said brugh to concur with the said vnfre touns, and thairfoir ordanis the said Maister Androw to be warnet be the generall missiue to ansuer to the said complaint vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Conseruatour, Bruntiland, Sanctandrois, Kirkcaldy, Anstruther, Agent. Missiue.

24. The samyn day, Iames Wynraham, agent, producit ane missewe lettre derect fra my lord conseruatour to the haill burrowis at this conventioun, bering his excuis of his nocht being present at this conwentioun inrespect he is imployit in his maiesteis seruice; the saidis commissioneris gewis powir and commissioun to the burrowis quha sall happin to meitt at

Edinbrugh in thair effairis for geweing instructiounis to thair commissioun- eris quha sall pas to Ingland, to call before them the said conseruatour, gif he be within the cuntrey, to ansuer to the complaintis off Brunteland, Sanctandrois, Kirkcaldy, Anstruther Eister, and the agent to aduerteis the said brughis of his comperance, and giff he comperis nocht ordanis the agent, *de nouo,* to warne the said conseruatour to the nixt conventioun generall to ansuer to the said complaintis; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

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25. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Carraill, Anstruther Eister and Pettinweyme aganis the brugh of Sanctandrois, for haiffing and vsing of ane furlett les nor the furlett of Lynlythgow, quhilk is foure pekis; the saidis commissioneris of burrowis statutis and ordanis that the said brugh, and all burrowis within this realm sall conforme them selffis to the iust stand of Lynlythgow in making thair furlettis and peckis effairand thairto, and the mesour of the pek to be corrispondent to the said furlett, to witt, foure peckis and na les nor mair to mak the furlett, and sua the said furlett to be equalle and iustle dewyidit in the said foure pekis, and ilk brugh to reporte thair delegens in caussing this act to be putt to dew executioun be vnlawing and pvnisching of thair nychtbouris contrauenaris thairof, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Carraill, Anstruther Eister, Pittinweyme, contra Sanctandrois, Statute.

Mesoures Missiue.

26. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the brugh of Forfar craweing supporte for thair suppley in the actioun persewit be the Maister of Glamis aganis them, ordanis ilk brugh to cum sufficientle instrucit to the nixt conventioun generall to gif ansuer thairto; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Forfare, support. Missiue.

27. The samyn day, Thomas Lawder, commissioner for the brugh of Northeberuik, actit him selff of his awin consent as souerty for Iohn Fisher, commissioner off Dumbar, to content and pay to Iames Wynraham, agent, in name of the burrowis, the soume of ten pundis, quhairin the said brugh is decernit in ane vnlaw at this conventioun, and the said Iohn Fisher actit him self to relewe the said Thomas Lawder of the premissis.

Lawder, Dumbar. Charge Agent.

28. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the commissioner of the brugh of Kirkcaldy aganis Iohne Lowden, Iames Law, present bailleis, Alexander Auld, ald thesaurer, and Thomas Lamb, present thesaurer, for giffing bak agane this zeir the vnlawis vpliftit be him the last zeir he

Kirkcaldy contra thair baillies and thesaureris Missiue.

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was baillie, to the persouns quhome fra the samyn was tane contrair to the actis of burrowis, seing the samyn sould haue bene imployit to the commoun warkis of the said brugh, the saidis commissioneris ordanis the saidis persouns to be warnet be the generall missiue to ansuer to the said complaint.

Kirkcaldy.

29. The samyn day, anent the 27 act of the last conwentioun concerning the payment of thrette pundis ten s. viij d., crawit be the brugh of Kirkcaldy as deburssit in the burrowis effairis, mentionat in the generall missiue, the saidis commissioneris efter ressoneing thairvpoun findis thai haue na warrand to grant to the payment thairof.

Wynrhame, compts.

30. The samyn day, appoints the brughis of Dundy, Sterling, Air, Sanctandrois, Dumfermling, Munros, to heir the comptis of Iames Wynram, agent, sen his last comptis, with powir to them in name of the burrowis to allow and disalow, and to reporte agane to the burrowis the morne.

Nono Iulij I^{m} vj^{c} iiij^{o}.

Burrowes absent vnlawet. Charge agent.

31. The quhilk day, findis the brughis of Iedbrugh, Quhithorne, Rossay, Sanquhar, to haue incurrit ilk ane of them the pane and vnlaw of xx li. for absence fra this present convention, being lauchfulle warnet thairto be the generall missiue, quhilk thai ordane Iames Wynram, agent, to vplift, quhairwith he is to be chairgit in his comptis.

Contributioun, commissioners to England.

32. The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis, vnderstanding that the nobillitte and barouns quhilk ar nocht vpoun the artickleis of this present parliament hes offerit to the Lordis of Artickleis, that his maiesteis seruice be nocht disapoyntit, and that the commissioneris for thair estait sall mak thair awn chairgis but taxatioun, and giff thai that ar nominat be the Lordis of Artickleis refuissis thair salbe men fund furth presentle to accept thair placeis, and the said nobillitte and barrouns desyris the burrowis to do the lyk ; with the quhilk the saidis commissioneris of burrows being adwyssit and considerand that this owertour salbe mair honorable for the realm and sall relewe the pure liedgis of ane grit burdein, and wilbe alsua mair profitabill to the burrowis quha wald haue payit gritter soumeis be way of generall taxatoun, thairfoir thai haue willingle consentit and agreit thairto, bott becaus the commissioneris for the burrowis ar nocht

habill to beir thair awin chairgis, and that the burrowis are oblissit to beir burding ane with ane vther in all thair commoun caussis, thai haue thairfoir willingle agreit and consentit, and be thir presentis agreis and consentis, that the saidis haill burrowis sall contribute and beir the chairgis and expenssis, euerie brugh for thair awin partis according to thair taxt roll, of the commissioneris that salbe nominat, electit, and directit for thair estait to Ingland. PERTH, 9th, 10th July 1604.

33. The samyn day, comperit Iames Forrett commissioner of Glasgow, and desyritt in name of the said brugh that the commissioneris presentle conwenit sould nominatt the said brugh as ane of the nvmber of the aucht quha sould pas to Ingland for the mater of the Vnioun, as lykwayis the commissioneris of Dundy declairit that thai haid nominat Iohne Fynlasoun for thair said brugh, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis. Glasgow, Dundie, Protestatio.

Decimo Iulij I^{m} vj^{c} iiij^{o}.

34. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris being conwenit, haifing hard the reporte of the commissioneries appointit for heiring of the comptis of Iames Wynram thair agent, findis the burrowis standis detfull to him in the soume of tua hundrethe nyne pundis vj s. viij d. money, in compleit payment of all bygane soumeis deburssit be him in the burrowis effairis preceding the dait heirof. Wynrhame, agent, compts.

35. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun of the brugh of Peblis, craweing supporte to thair said brugh and inhabitantis thairof for thair helpe to the re-edefeing of thair said brugh laitle within thir sex dayis brunt with sudden fyre, the saidis commissioneris ordanis ilk brugh to cum sufficientle instrucit to the nixt conventioun generall to giff ansuer, and in the meintyme ordanis ilk commissioner presentt att his returneing hame to intimy the samyn to thair said brugh and presbitere; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Peblis, support. Missiue.

36. The samyn day, ordanis the agent, of the reddiest of the vnlawis to be vpliftit be him, to pay to Thomas Fendar, post, the some of aucht pundis, quhilk the brugh of Cowper sould haue payit to him for carrying of the generall missiue to the burrowis, and that be ressoun the conventioun held Precept, agent, Fyndar.

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nocht at this tyme in the brugh of Cowper as was appointit at Hadingtoun, and the said some salbe allowit to him in his comptis.

Precept, agent, Andersoun.

37. The samyn day, ordanis Iames Wynraham, agent, to pay to Iames Andersoun, clerk of Cowper, the some of tuenty pundis, for his panis tane in writting the missiueis and derecting of thame, and the samyn salbe allowit to him in his comptis.

Commissioun to certane burrowes.

38. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris gewis powir and commissioun to the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perthe, Glasgow, Sterling, Air, Sanctandrois, Lynlythgow, Brunteland, Kirkcaldy, to derect thair commissioneris to conweyne at the brugh of Edinbrugh the tuenty day of August nixtocum, or ony vther dayis or placeis that salbe fund meitt be the brugh of Edinbrugh, vpoun aduerteisement of the agent be ane missiue, with the commissioneris that are appointit for the pairt of the saidis burrowis to pass to Ingland with the Laweiris, and thair with ane adwyse and consent to giff and sett doun in wrytt the heidis, artickleis, and instructiouns that may concerne the particular weill and estaitt of burrowis of this realm, doun getting of the exactiounis and customeis newle raissit vpoun thame, and for amplyfeing and inlargeing thair liberteis within the realm of Ingland, and to obteyne thair consent and approbatioun thairof; and with powir to the saidis commissioneris of burrowis or ony sex of them to intreatt, woitt, and conclude, vpoun all materis that may concerne the estait of burrowis, and that sall happin to interweyne and fall furth betuixt and the nixt conventioun generall of burrowis, vpoun derectioun and aduerteisement foirsaid, siclyk and als frele as the conwentioun of burrowis micht haue done in thair conwentioun generall, and quhat ewir the saidis brughis or ony sex of them conweneand be thair saidis commissioneris sall resolue or do in the premissis the saidis commissioneris, for them selffis and thair saidis brughis promesis to ratefey, approwe, and allow the samyn, and beir thair burding in halding hand thairinto, prosecuting and obeying thairof at thair powir; and the burrowis conveneand to haue powir to vnlaw the burrowis absent in ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis sua oft as thai failze, being lauchfulle warneit, and quhat expenssis it sall happin the saidis commissioneris to mak in conveneing as saidis thay ordane the agent to refound the samyn at the sicht of thair comptis, quhilk salbe thankfulle allowit to him in his comptis.

Contributioun xvjm merks.

39. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, for defraying of the chairgis and expenssis of the foure Commissioneris for the saidis Bur-

rowis and thre Laweiris, quhilk ar appointit be commissioun of the Estaittis in this present Parliament to pas to Ingland with the rest of the commissioneris of the estaitis of this realm, for intreatting and consulting vpoun the mater of the Vnioun, conforme to the commissioun and act of parliament maid thairanent, and for vtheris the commoun effairis of the saidis burrowis, hes consentit and agreit, and be thir presentis consentis and agreis, that ane contributioun of the soume of saxtene thowsand merkis money of this realm be sett, collectit, raissit, and vpliftit of the haill burrowis of this realm, ilk ane for thair awn partis according to the taxt roll of burrowis, binding and oblissand them and the saidis haill burrowis to mak guid and thankfull payment thairof to Iames Wynrahame, agent to the saidis burrowis and collectour appointit for inbringing thairof, ilk ane for thair awin pairtis as saidis, within the brugh of Edinbrugh betuixt this and the fyftene day of August nixtocum, togidder with the soume of tuenty pundis in name of damnage and entres incais of failze of payment of the said soume at the said day, and consentis that lettres of horneing be derect heirvpoun vpoun ane sempill chairgie of thre dayis allanerly. Off the quhilk soume of saxtene thowsand merkis the saidis commissioneris grantis and gifis to ilk ane of the saidis Commissioners and Laweiris the soume of tua thowsand merkis, and ordanis Iames Wynram, agent, of the first and reddiest of the soumeis to be ressauit be him of the contributioun foirsaid, to mak them thankfull payment thairof before the day of thair depairtour to Ingland, and the samyn salbe allowit to him in his comptis, and to be comptable to the burrowis of the rest of the said principall soume and penalties foirsaid. The names of the Commissioneris of Burrowis and Laweiris ar, Henre Nisbett, Maister Alexander Wedderburne, Alexander Rutherfuird, George Bruce; Schir Iohn Skyne of Currehill, knycht, clerk of Registre, Maistre Iohn Shairpe, aduocatis; prouyding that gif ony of the saidis Commissioneris or Laweiris remayne at hame and passis nocht in the said commissioun the agent to reteyne in his awin handis thair pairtis abouewrittin, of the quilk he salbe comptable to the burrowis.

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Charge agent. precept, agent.

The samyn day, George Cocheran, commissioner for the brugh of Air, and Iames Forret, commissioner for the brugh of Glasgow, for them selffis and in name of thair saidis burghis, dissassentit to the payment of thair pairt of the soum of xvj^{m} merkis grantit be the burrowis for defraying of the chairgis of the foure commissioneris of burrowis and thre laweris appointit

The commissioneris ordanis this act to be deleit be ressoun the day of before thai consentit

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to contributioun.

to pass to Ingland in commission for the mater of the Vnion, aleging thai haid na commissioun of thair said brughis to grant to ony taxatioun, inrespect thair was nane of the burrowis in the west country nominat in the said commission of Ingland, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis.

Nixt conventioun.

40. The samyn day, desertis and desoluis this present conventioun, and appointis and affixis thair nixt generall conventioun to be begun and haldin at the brugh of Dumfreis the first day of Julij I^{m} vj^{c} and fyve zeiris, and ordanis thair commissioner to mak thair said brugh aduerteisment heirof to the effect missiueis be derect in dew tyme.

The samyn day, gewis powir to the commissioneris of burrowis that ar appointed to convene at Edinbrugh for the mater of the Vnion to grant suppley to ane commissioner of Dumbartane to pas in Ingland gif thai think it neidfull, vtherwayis nocht.

The samyn day, decernis the brughis of Glasgow and Air ilk ane in ane vnlaw of xx li., becaus thai being present refuissit to subscryve the buik and schew nor caus in the contrair bot depairtit furth.

Constanteine Malice, moderatour.
Henre Elder, clerk, commissioner for Perth.
W. Auchinlec.
Alex^{r}. Rutherfurd.
Iohne Corsaue.
I. Anstruther, clerk of Anstruther, commissioner.
Alexander Iamesone.
Thomas Benstoune.
I. Semple of Coruithe for Dumbartan.
Iohne Makesone, clerk, commissioner.
Androw Hunter, commissioner for Forfar.
Andro Ker, commissioner for Lynlythquow.
Patrick Greif, comichenour.
Roger Maknacht.
George Foulis for Edinbrugh.
Iames Schort.
Harie Kynglasie.
George Brode.
Thomes Hall.
Williame Prattus.
Sanctandrois, Andro Watsoun.
William Barclay.
Mr Ihone Wemis.
Dauid Huchon.
Will. Ramsay, clerk and commissioner of Breichin.
W. Cwninghem.
Walter Ros for Tayne.
I. Forrett, clerk of Culros, commissioner.
Iohne Fishir.
Thomas Lauder.

H. Cokburne, commissioner for Hadingtoun.
Thomas Dalglische, commissioner of Innernes.
Mark Sandersone.
Gawane Thomsoune, commissionerfor Peibles.
H. Garwen, clark and commissioner.

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Apud Hadingtoun.

In the Particular Conwentioun off Burrowis, haldin at the brugh of Hadingtoun the xx day of August j^m vj^c iiij^o, be the Commissioneris following, for the caussis efter specyfeit, as haifing commissioun of the Generall Conwentioun of Burrowis haldin at the brugh of Perthe in the moneth of Iulij last, Compeirit the saidis Commissioneris, and producet thair commissiouns in maner following, that ar to say:

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EDINBRUGH, Rodger Maknach, merchand, Iohn Inglis, skynner; Perthe, Iames Adamesoun, baillie; Glasgow, (*blank*); Sterling, Doncane Patersoun, deyne of gild; Air, (*blank*); Sanctandrois, Androw Wattsoun, thesaurer; Lynlythgow, Androw Ker, clerk; Brunteland, Patrik Greiff; Kirkcaldy, Dauid Huchesoun; Hadingtoun, Harie Cockburne.

1. The quhilk day, makis, creattis, and constitutis Harie Cokburne, commissioner for the brugh of Hadingtoun, thair moderatour during this conwentioun, quha compeirand acceptit the samyn and gawe his aith in *communi forma.* Moderatour.

2. The samyn day, Iames Wynraham, agent, weryfeit the lauchfull citatioun of the brughis of Glasgow and Air to this present conventioun be delyuer- and the missiueis thairof to Iohnne Lowre, merchand, writtin in his awin name, quhilk the said Iohnne declairit sen syne he haid delyuerit, and Verificatioun of the warning.

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Iohnne Nisbett maid reporte that at the derectioun of the brugh of Edinbrugh he caussit warne the saidis brughis.

Glasgow, Air, vnlawet. Charge Agent.

3. The samyn day, decernis the brughis of Glasgow and Air, and ilk ane of them in ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis for absence fra this present conwentioun being lauchfule warnet thairto, quhilk thai ordane Iames Wynram thair agent to vplift, quhairwith he is to be chairgit in his comptis.

Edinbrugh, Perth, Dumfreis, contra Wigtoun. Missiue.

4. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Edinbrugh and thair inhabitantis, viz.: Isacc Moresoun, Josephe Marioribankis, Patrik Edzear, and Dauid Johnstoun, merchandis, burgessis of the said brugh, Maister Henre Andersoun, burges of Perth, Iohnne Corsaue, merchand, burges of Dumfreis, aganis the brugh of Wigtoun, for exacting of the saidis merchandis fourtie penneis of ilk pack claithe transportit be the saidis merchandis furth of thair said brugh, contrair the actis of burrowis, the saidis commissioneris ordanis the said brugh of Wigtoun to be warnet to the nixt conventioun be the generall missiue to ansuer to the said complaint and to produce thair rycht gif thai ony haue for vplifting thairof, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Borrowing ij^{m} merks. Charge agent.

5. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris, efter calculatioun of the soumeis vpliftit be Iames Wynram thair agent, collectour appointit for ingaddering of the soume of saxtene thowsand markis, grantit be taxatioun for defraying of the chairgis of the commissioneris quha ar appointit for the estait of burrowis to pas to Ingland in the mater of the Vnioun, findis that thair zitt restis in the burrowis handis, quhilk the said Iames hes nocht ressauit, the soume of foure thowsand markis or thairby, off the quhilk soume thai ordane the said Iames, for outtred of the saidis commissioneris, to borrow presentle vpoun annuelrent for ane terme the soume of tua thowsand merkis at sex of the hundreth, and ordanis the said annuell to be payit be the burrowis quha as zitt hes nocht payit thair pairtis of the said taxatioun before this present day, and that by and attour the penulteis to be vpliftit be him quhilk thai haue contrauenit be nocht tymeous payment of thair pairtis, quhairvpoun thai ar content that lettres be derect vpoun ane sempill chairge of thre dayis allanerle; and becaus the saidis commissioneris, vnderstanding the collectioun and ingaddering of the said taxatioun in this daingerous tyme of pestelence throw the haill realm hes and wilbe werray trubilsum and expensiue to the said Iames, thairfoir the

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saidis commissioneris, for them selffis and takand the burding in and vpoun them for thair saidis brughis and haill burrowis of this realm, be wertew of the commissioun grantit to them in the generall conventioun of burrowis haldin at the brugh of Perthe in the moneth of Iulij last, promitis, bindis, and oblissis them to remember, recompens, and satiffe his trauellis takin and to be takin thairuntill and to allow the expenssis quhilk he hes deburssit or sall happin to deburse in collectioun thairof; and, for the said Iames gritter securitte, ar content and consentis that he reteyne and keip in his handis the superplus of the said taxatioun mair nor he gifis the saidis commissioneris, togidder with the vnlawis to be vpliftit be him to the vse of the burrowis, ay and quhill he be payit of his saidis expenssis and sufficientle recompensit for his painis and trauellis.

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6. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris, efter lang ressoneing, agreis that the articklis following, presentle pennit, be gevin to the commissioneris of burrowis quha ar apointit to pas to Ingland for treating of the mater of the Vnioun, vnder the subscriptioun of thair generall clerk.

Articles to the commissioneris to Ingland.

FIRST. That thai be cairfull that the inhabitantis of Scotland be rewlit and gowernit be the lawis of this realm, and na wayis subiect to ony vther law, and that thai desyre that the saidis lawis may ressaue sic executioun as agreis with the forme estabillishitt and obseruitt within the realm of Ingland.

ITEM. That in the Treatie of the Vnioun na thing be tuichit quhilk may preiudge the ancient liberteis, prewledgeis, imwniteis, infeftementis, and lawis maid in favour of the burrowis be his maieste and his hienes maist noble progenitouris; and, gif nobillmen remember thair particular officeis, that the infeftement grantit to the burrowis be King Dauid be speciale reseruit; and that the brugh of Perthe delyuer to the saidis commissioneris the autentik double of the said infeftment.

ITEM. That the ancient preweledgeis, honouris, officeis, digniteis, imwniteis, and exemptiouns fra customeis, grantit to Scottis men be the Kingis of France, be na wayis tuichit or preiudgeit be the said Treatie, and

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that his maieste be intreatit to procure sic imwnite in Burdeaux and Gasgony as is grantit to Ingland.

ITEM. Thatt we reteyne the preuelege of halding of Parliamentis within the realm, and that na thing be concludit in the saidis parliamentis bot be the adwyse of all the Estaitis and grittest number of ilk estaitt.

ITEM. That Scottis men transporting cuntre wairis fra ony porte of Scotland to Ingland, or fra ony pairt of Ingland to ony vther pairt of Scotland, haue alyk imwnite anent the payment of thair custome to his maieste as gif the saidis guidis war transportit fra ane pairt of Scotland to ane vther pairt of the samyn, and fra porte to porte of Ingland.

ITEM. That all guidis transportit fra forane cuntreyis without his maieste dominiouns arryuand within the realm of Scotland or ony porte thairof and paying custome thair, salbe fre thairefter off all payment of custoume at ony porte within his maiesteis dominiounis.

ITEM. That his maieste be intreatit to reduce the customeis to the estaitt the samyn was in the tyme off his hienes acceptatioun of the governement of this realm vpoun him.

ITEM. To insist that na tak of the customeis be grantit to ony persoun except the burrowis, and that vpoun sic easie conditiouns as the samyn may be haid, and giff ony be grantit that it be prowyidit that na customeis salbe payit bott at the porte quhair the guidis ar loissitt.

ITEM. To insist with his maieste that the sterling money contenit in the burrowis infeftementis be declaired to be payit in current money of Scotland in all tymeis cuming.

ITEM. That the preuelege of the cwnze and cwnzehous of Scotland be reseruitt, and that the merchandis be nocht subiect to pay ony bulzeoun bott in Scotland.

ITEM. To regraitt the lois sustenit be Scottis men be his maisteis absence, and thairfoir to desyre at his maieste may remayne in Scotland zeirle ane quarter of the zeir and sie iustice administratt and wyte pvnishitt.

AND. Becaus his maiesteis chairgeis man be borne vpoun his awin proper rentis and casualiteis of the croun of Scotland during his maiesteis remayning heir, that ane law be sett doun that his heines rentis salbe reducid to the auld integritte, and sua conserwed in tyme according to the vse aboue-

writtin, and intertenement of his maiesteis castellis and pallaceis for his ressaitt. HADDINGTON, 21st August 1604.

ITEM. That the inhabitantis of Scotland be na forder subiect in thair personall seruice and subsidiis but *sicut vt antea.*

ITEM. To assist the supplicatioun to be presentit be the trauelleris in Poll.

ITEM. To remember the lois sustenit be Scottismen in the king of Spains dominiouns and to treatt reparatioun thairoff.

ITEM. To purches and obteyne the fynnis and dewteis laitle imposit vpoun Scottismen be the Maioris of the burrowis of Ingland dischargeit, and that Scottismen be als free of all impositiouns as Inglismen, alsweill at the handis of the saidis Maioris as at the handis of the customeris and thair deputis.

ITEM. Incais ony suit be made for reparation of the brig of Tay that the samyn be assessit be the burrowis, providing it bring na burding vpoun the burrowis except it be woluntar.

7. The samyn day, anent the complaint gewin in be Nyniane Makmoram, George Thoirbrand, Iohne Doby, and Archbald Ros, merchandis, burgessis, of Edinbrugh, for thair selffis and in name of the rest of the merchandis of the said brugh, quha for the present packis and peillis the hering tane in the firth besyd the brugh of Dumbar, againis the prouest and bailleis of the said brugh of Dumbar, for molesting and trubling of thame, being fremen of the said brugh, in loissing and laidning thair hering bocht and tane in the firthe of Dumbar att this present tak, and exacting of ane dewty of foure punde of ilk last thairof for ground leife, contrair the preuelegeis of the said brugh and actis of burrowis maid heiranent of before: the saidis haill persewaris compeirand except the said Nyniane Makmorame, and the saidis prowest and bailleis of the said brugh of Dumbar being lauchfule warnet to this day to ansuer to the said complaintt, and being callit compeirand be Henre Lawder, baillie, and William Kelly, thair thesaurer, thair ressouns hard and consideritt, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis findis the saidis prowest and bailleis of the said brugh of Dumbar to haue done wrang in molesting of the saidis persouns, and in exacting of the saidis dewteis in maner foirsaid, contrair to the aetis of burrowis, and thairfoir decernis and ordanis thame to decist and ceis fra all trubling and molesting the saidis compleneris, or ony vther inhabitantis of the said brugh, in loiss- Edinbrugh contra Dunbar.

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ing, laidning, paking, and peilling thair hering tane in the said firthe and bocht or to be bocht be thame, and of all exacting of the said dewty of foure pundis of ilk last, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tua hundrethe pundis sua oft as thai failze, and this becaus the saidis Henre Lawder and William Kelly could schaw na ressonabill caus in the contrair.

Kellie vnlawet.

8. The samyn day, findis William Kellie, thesaurer of the brugh of Dumbar and thair commissioner, to haue done wrang in his vnreuerent and vndewtefull spechis spokin be him in this present assemble and oppin awdience, and thairfoir decernis him in ane vnlaw of ten pundis to be payit presentle, and als to enter his persoun in waird within the tolbuith of this brugh, ay and quhill he mak sic satiffactioun for his offence committit be him in maner foirsaid as salbe inioynit to him be the saidis commisioneris.

Kellie, vnlaw remittet.

9. The samyn day, compeirit William Kellie, the thesaurer of the brugh of Dumbar, quha, lamenting his misbehawiour vsit be him this day in the assemble of the burrowis be certane vnreuerent speichis spokin be him in thair awdience, quhairof he repentit and producit the supplicatioun vnderwrittin, of the quhilk the tennour followis: My Lordis Commissioneris of Burrowis heir conwenit, vnto zour lordships humble menis and shawith zour lordships seruitor William Kelly, commissioner for the brugh of Dumbar, that quhair we, being delaitit and accusit before zour lordships be certane merchandis of Edinbrugh and burgessis of Hadingtoun for sindre enormitteis alegeit commitit be our said brugh, quhairin zour lordships hes pronuncit decreitt; and we standing in defens of our liberteis, for the grit zeall and effectioun I, the said William, hes to the commoun weill of the said brugh, vtterit certane languagis in zour lordships presens quhilk I confes to the grit greiff of my hert was werray offensiue and impertenent to haue bene spokin before sic ane grawe assemble; and thairfoir it plesit zour lordships to vnlaw me in the some of ten pundis, lykas for relief of my person furth of ward I haue consignit the samyn in the handis of my lord moderatour for obedience of zour lordships ordenance, heirfoir I maist humble besek zour lordships to ordane my lord moderatour to rander me the said soume of ten pundis, seing I am presently reddy to mak sic obedience and satiffactioun as pleissis zour lordships to inioyne to me and thair lordships ansuer. With the quhilk the saidis commissioneris being adwyssit, findis, inrespect of the said William's declaratioun mentionat in his former supplicatioun, and of his humble repentance maid in thair presens, thay remitt and discharge the said vnlaw.

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Haddington contra Dunbar.

10. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Hadingtoun and thair nychtbouris, viz., Dauid Forrest, Patrik Campbell, George Carkettill, Iohn Lyle, Thomas Blaikburne, Richart Bell and Dauid Dayis, aganis the prouest, bailleis, counsall, and thair customeris of the brugh of Dumbar, for contrauening the tennour of the decret of burrowis obtenit be the said brugh of Hadingtoun aganis the said brugh of Dumbar in Iulij, in exacting of saxtene penneis of ilk cairt drawcht of hering and aucht penneis ilk laid hering, coft and brocht fra thair heawin and shore at Lambes, be taking the said dewty of the said nychtbouris of Hadingtoun at this present tak, the saidis compleneris being present, and Henre Lawder with William Kellie commissioner for the saidis brugh of Dumbar being presentt, thair ressouns hard and considerit, the saidis commissioneris decernis and ordanis the said brugh of Dumbar, as of before, to decist and ceis fra all vplifting the saidis dewteis in tyme cuming fra the said nychtbouris, and this becaus thair saidis commissioneris comperand shew na caus in the contrair.

Stirling contra Culros. Agent contra Dumbar. Missiue.

11. The saidis commissioneris being conwenit, anent the complaint of the brugh of Sterling aganis the brugh of Culros, for exacting of certane customeis of thair merchand guidis and thair cokquett, of new, at thair brugh, contrair to the liberty of thair brugh, ordanis it be ane heid of the nixt missiue ; as lykwayis to caus warne the brugh of Dumbar to ansuer to the complaint of the agent for declyneing fra the burrowis.

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Precept, agent, commissioners, conventioun.

12. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris ordanis Iames Wynram, agent, to pay the chairgis of the commissioneris presentle convenit, alsueill maid in Hadingtoun as in thair cuming and ganging, ilk ane according to thair comptis to be gevin to him, quhilk sal be allowit to him in his comptis, and this conforme to the act of the generall convention maid thairanent.

H. Cokburne, moderatour.	Roger Macknacht.
Iohne Inglis.	Iames Adamsone.
Mr. A. Wedderburn.	D. Paterson for Sterling.
Andro Watsoun.	Andro Ker.
Patrik Greif.	Dauid Huchon.

Apud Dumfreis.

DUMFRIES, 1st July 1605.

In the Generall Conwentioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Dumfries, the first day of Iulij I^m sex hundrethe and five zeiris, Compeirit the Commissioneris vnderwrittin, and producit thair commissiounis in maner following, thay ar to say:

EDINBRUGH, Rodger Maknacht, bailze, George Foulis, goldsmith; Perthe, Androw Conquerour; Dundy, Iohnne Chewane; Aberdein, Maister Thomas Meynzes; Glasgow, Iohnne Rowatt; Sterling, Doncane Patersoun; Lynlythgow, Andro Ker; Air, George Cocherane; Sanctandrois (*blank*); Dysart, William Carmychall; Hadingtoun, Alexander Seytoun; Kirkcaldy, Robert Frenshe, Montrois (*blank*); Cowper (*blank*); Anstruther Eister, Henre Moreis; Dumfreis, Iohnne Corsaue, Halbert Cunninghame, clerk; Innernes (*blank*); Breichin be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Dundy; Irewin, William Scott; Elgyne, (*blank*); Jedbrugh (*blank*); Kirkcudbricht, Iohn Mekill, clerk; Wigtoun, Mychall Cocherane; Pittimweyme, Walter Airth, bailze; Dumferling, Patrik Stewinsoun; Dumbartane, Thomas Fallisdaill; Renfrow, William Somerwell, clerk; Lanerik, Dauid Blair; Arbroth, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Dundy; Brunteland Maister Androw Wilsoun, clerk; Peblis (*blank*); Carraill, Allane Cwninghame, bailze; Kinghorne, Iames Bosuell, bailze; Thayne (*blank*); Selkirk, Iames Scott; Anstruther Wester, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Pittinweyme; Culros, Iohnne Forrett, clerk; Dumbar, Nicoll Kellie; Banff (*blank*); Quhithorne, Iohnne Makgowane, provest; Forfar (*blank*); Rossay (*blank*); Forres (*blank*); Ruglein, (*blank*); Northeberuik, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Hadingtoun; Culane, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Aberdein; Narne (*blank*); Lawder, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be the agent; Innerkeything, George Durie, clerk; Kilrany, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Pittinweyme.

Citatioun of burrowis.

Halbert Cwningham, clerk of this brugh, weryfeit the lauchfull citatioun of the haill burrowis, be delyuering of the generall missiue as vse is.

1. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris appointis the houris of thair conventioun to begyn at aucht houris in the morneing, and efternone at tua houris, and the absentis at the ringing of the bell and calling of the rollis to pay ane vnlaw of vj s. viij d. vnfergevin. DUMFRIES, 1st July 1605. Meitings.

2. The saidis commissioneris electis and constitutis Iohnne Corsaue, first in the commissioun for this brugh, thair moderatour during this conventioun, quha compeirand acceptit the samyn and gaif his aith in *communi forma.* Moderatour.

3. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris ratefeis and apprewis the xv act of the conventioun of burrowis haldin at Air in the monthe of Iulij j^{m} vi^{c} and tua zeiris, quhairby it is statute and ordanit that na persoun be admited commissioner at ony conventioun of burrowis in thair number bot sic as ar of the trew religioun presentle professit and allowit within this realm, and that thair commissioun beir testefecatioun thairof expresle; and for obseruing thairof hes ordainit that it be ane heid of ilk generall missiue requyreing ilk brugh to caus the said claus be insert in mair ample termeis in thair commissiouns to be gevin to ony persoun heirefter, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and the present commissioneris of the brughis of Aberdein, Glasgow, Sterling, Dysart, Kirkcaldy, Anstruther Eister, Irewin, Wigtoun, Pittinweyme, Dumferling, Renfrow, Lanerk, Brunteland, Dumbar, Innerkeything, quhais commissiouns buir nocht the said claus as it aucht to haue done, gaif presentle thair public confessioun and declaratioun that thai war of the trew religioun, presentle professit within this realm and authorizitt be the laws thairoff. Statute. Commissioneris. Trew religioun. Missiue.

4. The samyn day, anent the [6] act of the last conventioun concerning the brugh of Dumbar for schawing of thair delegens in stopping of vnfremen to pack and peill within thair boundis, and ordaneing the agent to gif vp the nameis of sic persouns giff ony be, Nicoll Kellie, commissioner for the said brugh, and Iames Wynraham, agent, being present, the said commissioner alegeit that thair was na vnfre persoun that packitt and peillit within thair boundis, and the agent gaiff in the nameis of certane vnfre persouns that packitt and peillit within the samyn att Lambes last as he alegeit; and thairfoir the saidis commissioneris ordanis the brugh of Dumbar to compeir be thair commissioner in the first particular conventioun of burrowis, to be haldin at the brugh of Edinbrugh the first day of August nixt, before the commissioneris of burrowis quha sall convene thair for the tyme, bringand and produceand with them ane mair sufficient delegens in Dumbar. Missiue.

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writt for satiffeing of the said act vnder the pane thairin contenitt, togidder with thair ansuer concerning the nameis gevin in be the agent vnder the said pane; and to ansuer to sic thingis as salbe layitt to thair chairge, baith anent the said vnfremen, and of exhorbitant dewteis tane be them fra vnfremen for grund lewe, vnder the said pane; and gewis commissioun to the saidis burrowis to decyid and cognos in the said mater, and to vnlaw the said brugh of Dumbar gif thai be fund culpabill in the premissis; and last, that the said brugh of Dumbar schaw and produce, at the nixt generall conventioun, their exact delegens in writt of restraining and pvnishing of vnfre persouns quha sall happin to pack and peill within thair liberteis at this next tak, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Vnfre trafficquers, saillers, regratters, foirstallers. Missiue.

5. The samyn day, ordanis ilk brugh, as of before, to schaw and produce to the nixt generall conwentioun thair exact delegens in writt, in restrayning and pvnisching of vnfre trafficqueris, sailleris without tickettis, regrateris and foirstalleris, and vnfremen within their liberteis vsurpeing the liberte of thair brugh, and of depryveing thair outlandis burgessis, and giff vp the nameis of the offenderis and placeis quhair thai duell, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Dundie, Sanctandrois, Innernes. Commissioners directing Missiue.

6. The samyn day, ordanis the commissioneris of Dundy, Sanctandrois, and Innernes, as of before, to reporte to the nixt conventioun thair delegens in wrytt, of intimatioun to thair magistratis and counsell of the act of burrowis maid anent directing of commissioneris to parliamentis, conventioun of estaittis and burrowis, be extracting the saidis actis and registering the samyn in thair buikis that thai may pretend na ignorance, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Dysart. Missiue.

7. The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Dysart to tak ane extract of the act of burrowis maid at Edinbrugh in anno j^m v^c lij, concerning the electioun of magistratis in burrowis, and to mak thair nixt electioun of thair magistratis conforme thairto in all pointis, and to produce to the nixt generall conventioun thair actis to be maid thairvpoun that it may be knawin to the burrowis giff thai haue obseruit the said act or nocht, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

8. The samyn day, anent the 4 act of the last conventioun, concerning the regraiteris and foirstalleris and vnfremen within the brugh of Kirkcudbricht, ordanis Iames Wynram, agent, to delyuer to the said brugh or thair commissioner the lettres of horneing ressauit be him fra thame aganis the saidis vnfremen, regraiteris and foirstalleris, and thai to caus put the samyn to forder executioun and reporte thair delegens thairvpoun in write to the nixt generall conwentioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of j^{c} li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

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Kirkcudbricht. Missiue.

9. The samyn day, anent the xj act of the last conventioun, concerning the brugh of Wigtoun and thair metisteris of claith at the fairis and merkittis thairof, Mychall Cochran commissioner for the said brugh being present, the saidis commissioneris decernis the saidis brugh of Wigtoun and thair commoun metisteris, for quhome thai ar haldin to ansuer, with consent of thair present commissioner, to decist and ceis fra all taking of ony dewty fra ony burges or fremen of burrowis for metting of thair claith to be bocht within thair said brugh or liberty thairof in tyme cuming, sua thatt it salbe fre to the byaris and selleris to mett thair claith be thameselffis as thai can agre, and incais of wariance it sall happin ane commoun metister to be imployïtt, in that cais the seller to pay to him ten penneis for ilk score thairof and the byar to be fre of the samyn; and ordanis the said brugh to sie this ordour keipit in all tymeis cuming, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and to that effect ordanis thair present commissioner to extract the act and intymie the samyn to thair magistratis and counsall.

Wigtoun, claith metting.

10. The samyn day, anent the xij act of the last conwentioun, concerning the brugh of Irewin, findis the said brugh hes done na delegens in prosecuting thair actioun before the lordis of session aganis vnfre tredderis, and nather followit nor socht the adwyse of the brugh of Edinbrugh thairintill, and thairfoir ordanis the said brugh, as of before, giff thai wald haue ony payment of the soumeis grantit be the burrowis to them for that caus, to insist in the said actioun and mak thair expenssis thairvpoun be adwyse and derectioun of the brugh of Edinbrugh, and to schaw thair delegens thairvpoun to the nixt conventioun generall, att the quhilk tyme thai ordane ilk brugh to bring with thame thair partis of the soume of v^{c} merkis grantit be the burrowis to thame, to be delyuerit to the said brugh, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Irewing. Missiue.

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Dysart. Burnett.

11. The samyn day, anent the 20 act of the last conventioun and last pairt thairof, concerning the brugh of Dysart and Adame Burnett thair outland burges, compeirit William Carmychall commissioner for the said brugh and producit thair decret of deprewatioun of the said Adame and Iohn Moresoun, now resident in Fraserbrugh, thair outlandis burgessis, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis.

Dundie, Sanctandrois, Dysart, Cowper, etc., contra Craill, Anstruther, etc.

12. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brughis of Dundy, Sanctandrois, Cowper, Dysart, Kinghorne, Kirkcaldy, aganis Craill, Anstruther Eister, Kilrany, Pittinweyme, Dumbar, for trubling of them in loissing of thair hering tane in the firth, paking and peilling of the samyn, mentionat in the generall missiue and xv act of the last conventioun, compeirit the saidis commissioneris of Dundy, Dysart, Kinghorne, and Kirkcaldy, and past fra the said persuite and declarit thai wald nocht insist thairuntill, quhairvpoun the said commissioner of Carraill, in name of the rest, askit instrumentis.

Edinbrugh, contra Androw Wilsoun in Brunt Iland.

13. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Edinbrugh aganis Maister Androw Wilsoun, commoun clerk of the brugh of Brunteland, for concurring before the lordis of secret counsall with my Lord of Mortoun and certane barrouns in Lowthiane in thair particular actioun aganis the brugh of Edinbrugh, conforme to [23] act of the last conventioun, the present commissioneris of the said brugh and the said Maister Androw being present, thair ressouns hard and considderit, and thairwith being ryple adwyssit, the saidis commissioneris findis the said Maister Androw to haue done wrang in compeirance at the bar before the secreitt counsall with the said lord and barronis, fortefeing and manteyneing them in thair caus aganis the said brugh, and thairfoir ordanitt him to confess his falt presentle and to ask the haill commissioneris and the commissioneris of the said brugh forgifnes thairof, quhilk he presentle did, and nocht to do the lyk in tyme cuming to the said brugh nor na vther brugh vnder sic panis as the saidis burrowis sall lay to his chairge. And, for eshewing the lyk inconvenient heirefter, the saidis commissioneris ratefeis and apprewis all actis of burrowis maid of before concerning the mwtuall concurrence ane with ane vther; speciale ane act maid at Dundy in September 1555, togidder with ane act maid at Sterling in October 1574; and forder statutis and ordanis, and be thir presentis inhibitis and dischargis, that na brugh nor particular burges thairof concur, fortefey, or manteyne ony vnfremen or outlandis men

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aganis ony fre brugh in ony thingis concerning thair liberteis and commoun weill of burrowis, or that may hurt and preiudge the samyn, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of j^{c} li. to be payit to the burrowis, and assythement to the pairty offendit at the will of the burrowis for the tyme. DUMFRIES, 1st, 2d, July 1605.

Secundo Iulij, j^{m} vj^{c} quinto.

14. The quhilk day, compeirit Mychall Cocheran, commissioner for Wigtoun, and producit lettres of horneing dewle execute and registrat aganis vnfre tredderis, foirstalleris, and regrateris within thair boundis, and thairfoir ordanis them to rais captioun thairvpoun and put the samyn to executioun and reporte thair delegens thairof to the nixt conventioun, with forder delegens also aganis all vtheris within thair boundis, and reporte the samyn to the nixt conventioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Wigtoun. Missiue.

15. The samyn day, decernis and ordanis the brugh of Wigtoun, of consent of thair present commissioner, Mychall Cocherane, to decist and ceis of all vplifting or taking of fourtie penneis of ilk pack claith or ony vther dewtie, of the merchandis, burgessis of fre burrowis, resorteand to thair fairis and merkittis, of the claith and wittuall bocht and transportit furth of thair liberteis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li. Wigtoun, paks of clayth.

16. The samyn day, anent the inrolling of the brugh of Annand in ane fre brugh, mentionat in the 17 act of the last conventioun, compeirit Iohn Galloway, bailze, Dauid Myller, clerk thairof, and producit ane chairtour of erectioun of the said brugh in ane fre brugh, grantit and maid to thame be king James the Fyfth off worthie memore ; as the samyn vnder the grit seill, daitit at Edinbrugh j Merche j^{m} v^{c} xxxviij zeiris [beiris], quhilk being red and considderit be the saidis burrowis, the saidis Iohn Galloway and Dauid Myller war content and consentit in name of thair said brugh to beir all burdingis with the remanent burrowis according to thair habillitte, and to keip conventiouns particular and generall as thai salbe warneit ; and thairfoir the saidis commissioneris of burrowis hes acceptit, admitit, and inrollit, and be thir presentis, ACCEPTIS, ADMITIS, and INROLLIS the said brugh in the number and fellowship of the fre burrowis of this realm conforme to thair erectioun, ordaneing them to haue place and woitt in all Annand inrollet and taxet.

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conventiounis particular and generall and to be warnet thairto conforme to the ordour vsit in sic caissis; and hes sett and taxt the said brugh in the soume of fourtie penneis of ilk j^c li. of taxatioun that salbe sett vpoun the burrowis be taxatioun heirefter, quhairvpoun the said Iohn and Dauid askit instrumentis.

Edinburgh. Factouris in Campheir. Conseruatour.

16. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in be William Cunnigham, merchand, burges of Edinbrugh, for him self and in name and behalf of Robert Doby, William Patersoun, Iohn Kello, Thomas Mwre, Alexander Home, Eduard Edzear, Thomas Kello, merchandis, burgessis thairoff, Iames Bell burges of Glasgow, Walter Cowane, burges of Sterling, and Hectour Campbell burges of Hadingtoun, aganis the factouris of the natioun resident at Campheir, for the grit damnage and skaithe done be them to the haill burrowis in bying of the wairis cuming furth of the realm, copping and selling the samyn agane to thair awin behuif, and in doing of dyuerss and sindre vther thingis preiudiciall to the burrowis; and siclyk anent the mater of the conseruatour quha was warneit be the agent to ansuer to the complaintis of the brughis of Brunteland, Sanctandrois, Kirkcaldy, Anstruther Eister, and thair nichtbouris, for dyuerssis enormiteis done to them, conform to the xxiiij act of the last conventioun, the saidis commissioneris gewis powir and commissioun to the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perthe, Dundy, Glasgow, Sterling, Lynlythgow, Hadingtoun, Dysart, Brunteland, Dumbar, Dumbartane, or maist pairt of them conveneand, to derect thair commissioneris to conveyne at the brugh of Edinburgh the first day of August nixt, or quhatsumevir vther dayis neidfull, to cognosce and decyid in the saidis materis concerning the saidis factouris and conseruatour, and to fynd out ane substantiall way how the saidis enormiteis may be redressit in tymeis cuming; and siclyk to trauell with the secreit counsall and estaitis for obteneing the electioun and nominatioun of the conseruatour to be in the handis of the burrowis, to quhais behowe onle he is creatt and constitute, and of quhom he hes his lewing for the seruice to be done to thame in the Law Cuntreyis in manteyneing the preuelegis of the natioun and of thair tred and traffick thair, and generalle all and sindre vther thingis to do, hant, vse, and exerce in the premissis that the present commissioneris micht do in this present generall conventioun, *promittentes de rato*; and ordanis the present commissioners of the saidis burrowis at thair hamecuming to mak warneing to thair burrowis to the effect in tyme

thai may direct thair commissioneris sufficiently instrucit to convene the said day, and the burrowis nocht conveneand to be vnlawet in ane vnlaw of xx li. be the burrowis conveneand. Dumfries, 2d July 1605.

17. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Hadingtoun aganis the brugh of Dundy, mentionat in the generall missiue and 14 act of the last conwentioun, for vptaking fra the nichtbouris of Hadingtoun of ane fleis of woll of ilk pack woll sauld within thair brugh, by vther small customeis, the saidis commissioneris, of consent of the present commissioneris of the saidis brughis, contenewis the decisioun of the said complaint to the nixt conventioun, ordaneing the said brugh of Dundy to compeir sufficientle instructit to ansuer thairto vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li. ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Haddingtoun contra Dundie. Missiue.

18. The samyn day, findis the brughis of Sanctandrois, Cowper, Innernes, Elgyne, Iedbrugh, Peblis, Thayne, Banff, Forfar, Rossay, Ruglein, Narne, and ilk ane of them, to haue incurrit the pane and vnlaw of tuenty pundis for being absent fra this conventioun, being lauchfule warnitt thairto be the generall missiue, quhilk thai ordane Iames Wynram, agent, to vplift, quhairwith he is to be chairgit in his comptis. Vnlawing burrowis absent. Charge agent.

19. The samyn day, anent the supplicatiouns of the brughs of Brunteland and Culros, mentionatt in the generall missiue and [22] act of the last conventioun, craweand supporte to the reparatioun of their decayit herbereis and schoreis, the saidis commissioneris efter ressoneing findis the saidis brughis hes grit ankerageis and schore dewteis grantit to them be the burrowis quhilk, giff the samyn be profitable bestowitt, may vphald and intertene thair saidis schoiris and herbereis, and thairfoir ordanis the saidis brugh of Brunteland to be warnet to the nixt conventioun to dereet and send with thair commissioner compt of the bestowing of the said impost, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li. ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Brunt Iland, Culros. Missiue.

20. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Dumbartane aganis the brugh of Glasgow, mentionat in the generall missiue and [18] act of the last conventioun, for vplifting fra thair nichtbouris ane penny custome at thair brig be wertew of ane alegit licience lang syne expyreit, the commissioneris of baith the saidis brughis being present, the commismissioner of Glasgow alegit thai haid rycht to vplift the said custome be wertew of thair licence grantit to them quhilk as zitt is nocht expyreit, and Dunbartane contrair Glasgow.

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becaus he could nocht weryfe the samyn presentle be productioun of the said gift, the saidis commissioneris, of consent of the present commissioneris for the saidis brughis, ordanis the said brugh of Glasgow to produce the said gift, giff thai ony haue, before the commissioneris of burrowis quha sall meitt at Edinbrugh the sext day of August nixt, to be sene and considderit be the saidis commissioneris, with certificatioun to them giff thai produce nocht the said gift they salbe dischargit of all vplifting the said custome in tyme cuming.

Dunbartane contrair Renfrew. Missiue.

21. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Dumbartane contrair Renfrow, mentionat in the generall missiue and [18] act of the last conventioun, for suffering ane nvmber of vnfremen to keip oppin merkettis in selling of stapill wairis in the clachins of Kilmacolm and the new kirk of Girnok, within thair liberty, compeirit William Somerwell, commissioner for Renfrow, and producit lettres of horneing execute aganis certane the saidis vnfre trafficqueris. The saidis commissioneris ordanis the said brugh to caus registre the saidis lettres [aganis] sic as hes suspendit or fund cautioun, to prosecute the samyn before the lordis of sessioun and to reporte thair delegens thairof to the nixt conventioun, and aganis all vtheris within their liberty, vnder the pane of xx li. ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Estaitts. Wark of claythrie and ansuer thairto.

22. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis being conwenit, Rodger Maknacht and George Foulis commissioneris for Edinbrugh exhibite and producit the copy of ane act of the conventioun of the estaitis of this realm haldin at Edinbrugh the 7 Iunij last, be the quhilk ane offer is maid to the Burrowis of the wark of the clotherie, and the said act ordanit to be intimit to this present generall Conventioun of Burrows, that thai may be prowyidit aganis the nixt sessioun of the parliament to gif ansuer heiranent ; and siclyk it is ordanit be the said act to be proponit to this present conventioun the artickle recommendit to the estaitis be his maieste anent the tred of fishing, that the saidis burrowis may be resoluit and adwyssit aganis the nixt sessioun of the parliament quhatt nvmber of buschis thai will furneis and send furth to the said fishing, as the said act mair fullie proportis. Quhilk being oppinle red and publischitt, and the saidis commissioneris thairwith ryple adwyssitt, thay fand and declairit, for ansuer thairto as followis :—FIRST. Anent the clotherie, thay humble desyre thair lordships to considder that the said wark is na mair proper to

the Burrowis nor to ony vther of the estaitis, be ressoun it is weill knawin that, nocht onle thay haue nocht the materiallis and stuff of thair awin, bott allanerlie sic as thai by in the countrey, bott als thair is mekill mair claithe wowin and lyuing maid, and ma claith makeris resident to landward nor in the said fre burrowis, quha lewis cheiflie be thair negotiatioun. And next, to desyre thair lordships to considder thatt sindre burrowis interpryssit the said wark of before, and throw thair awin inhabillitte and iniquitte of straingeris sustentt grit los thairby; and newirtheles becaus it is ane guid wark thay ar content to adwance and sett fordward the samyn, for thair partis, according to thair rank and habillitte as memberis of this commoun weill; and giff ony particular persouns will associatt them selffis and tak the said wark in hand the saidis burrowis will giff them thair fortefecatioun and concurrence according to thair powir, and consentis thatt thai sall haue all preueledgeis thairto without preiudice of the liberteis and prevelegis of fre burrowis; and giff the saidis vndertakeris of the wark will remayne at ony fre brugh the saidis burrowis will glaidle accept thame in thair societie and cumpany and grant them sic preueledgeis as thair awin citizans hes. Bott to accept the burding of the said wark vpoun thame thair allane, the saidis burrowis declairis thai ar nocht habill thairfoir in mony respectis. Dumfries, 2d July 1605.

Anent the secound heid, concerning the fischeing, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis declairis that sindre burrowis vpoun the sey coist of this realm alreddy hantis and exercissis that tred of fisching vpoun the sey, and hes thair shipis and barkis meittest for the turne occupyit thairin according to thair habilitte, and speciale in the somer seasoun, att the back of the Yleis besyid the Fleymeingis; lyk as thair is alreddy mair schiping in the sey coistis for fischeing nor thair is substance to reik them outt and thair furnessing, or zit mariner fischeris to serwe; bott the maist profitabill and easie fisching att all tymeis is to be haid in the ileis and lochis thairof, fra the quhilk thai ar debarrit be the wiolence and barbarous crueltie, abusis, and extortiouns of the hielandis and cuntre men, and giff the samyn war maid peciable the sey fairand burrowis wald imploy thair moyane thairvpoun to the vttermest, sua that thair wald be na neid to vrge this present artickle, for the gain and proffeitt wald allure them, bot sua lang as the saidis lochis and iyleis ar nocht peciabill it is nocht possibill to the saidis burrowis to do mair nor thai do, for it war in wane to tak them to fische Estaitts. Fyscheing.

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in the mayne sey quhen thai may gett mair easie and mair profitabill fischeing in the lochis and neir the schore att all seasounis in grit aboundance baith somer and wynter.

Edinbrugh, Dundie, Sanctandrois. Ansuer to the estaitts anent the fyscheing and clayth.

23. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris apointis the brugh of Edinbrugh to giff his maiesteis secreitt counsall the ansuer before writtin; and the brughis of Dundy, Sanctandrois, Glasgow, Mwntrois, Pittinweyme, Carraill, Anstruther Eister and Wester, Kirkcaldy, Dysart, Kinghorne, Brunteland, Renfrow, Dumbartane, Kilrany, to concur and informe the said brugh of Edinbrugh for amplyfeing, inlargeing, and declairing the premissis at mair lenth be ressoneing of the samyn *viua voce.*

Abirdeyne contra Fraserburgh.

24. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun of the commissioner of Aberdein, beiring that of laitt the Laird of Phillorthe hes obtenit of his maiestie, sen his passing in Ingland, the toun of Fraserbrugh erectit in ane fre brugh, and myndis to obtene the said brugh inrollit, to the grit preiudice of the said brugh of Abirdein, quhilk erectioun thay ar of mynd to querrell at the nixt parliament, and thairfoir desyring that the saidis burrowis will nocht inroll thame quhill the said brugh be hard, according to the actis of burrowis maid thairanent; with the quhilk the saidis commissioneris being adwyssit, findis that the said brugh, nor na vther brugh, sould be inrollit in thair societie before the said brugh of Aberdein be hard or warnet thairto, and forder grantis to the said brugh of Aberdein thair concurrence in the reductioun of the said erectioun.

Lynlythgow, support. Precept Agent.

25. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun of the brugh of Lynlythgow, mentionat in the generall missiue and [21] act of the last conventioun, craweand supporte to the reparatioun of thair heawin and schore of Blaknes, the saidis commissioneris, efter consideratioun thairof, grantis to the said brugh the soume of ane hundrethe pundis, of the reddiest of sic casualiteis as salbe fund fre at this conventioun, and ordanis Iames Wynram, agent, to ansuer him thairof, quhilk salbe allowit in his comptis; and ordanis the said brugh to enter to the biging of thair said schore, and as it salbe fund the samyn to gang fordward the saidis commissioneris grantis and promitis thair forder suppley to the fortherance thairof.

Exemptio, Annand, Sanquhar, Quhithorne, Lochmaben, Wigtoun.

26. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris hes exemitt and exemis the brughis following fra all conwentiouns generall for the space of thre zeiris, viz., Annand, Sanquhar, Quhithorne, Lochemaben, Wigtoun; prouyding thai send to ilk conventioun generall, with the commissioner of

the nixt brugh nocht exemitt, thair autentik lettre of ratefecatioun of all thingis to be done in the said conwentioun, togidder with all soumeis that thai salbe fund restand awand to the burrowis for clerk and agent feyis or ony vther caus, vtherwayis to be vnlawet as absentis; and thir presentis nocht to be extendit to the caissis quhair thai ar warnitt at the instance of ony particular brugh or party, and the expenssis quhilk thair commissioner micht haue coist thame be bestowit vpoun thair brigis, herbereis, tolbuithis, kirkis, or ony vther maist necessar commoun warkis, and compt to be gevin to the burrowis thairof at the end of the said exemptioun vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; as lykwayis that thai send with thair said lettre of ratefecatioun the rovpeing of thair commoun guid and ryding of thair mercheis, vnder the said pane. DUMFREIS, 2nd, 3rd July 1605.

27. The samyn day, for caussis and consideratiounis moweing thame, remittis the brugh of Wigtoun the soume of fiftie pundis of the hundrethe pundis vnlaw quhairin thai war adiugeit in the conwentioun haldin at Perthe last, and ordanis Iames Wynraham, agent, to mak them payment thairof, and the samyn salbe allowit to him in his comptis. Wigtoun. Precept. Agent.

28. The samyn day, anent the complaintt gewin in for the pairt of William Thomesoun, deykin of the fleschouris of Edinbrugh, for him selff and in name of the rest of the brethren of the said craft, aganis the brughis of Perthe, Sterling, Lynlythgow, Innerkeything, and thair customeris, for exacting fra them of extraordenear customis of thair guidis transportit be them, albeit thai cum nocht within thair brugh, and forder for staying them in cuming throw the kingis passageis in tyme of nicht; the saidis commissioneris remittis the decisioun of the said complaintt to the nixt conventioun, ordaneing all the saidis brughis to compeir sufficientle instructit to ansuer thairto, ilk brugh vnder the pane of xx li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Flescheoures of Edinbrugh contra Perth, Stirling, Lynlythgow, Innerkething. Missiue.

Tertio Iulij j^{m} vj^{c} v^{o}

29. The samyn day, anent the inrolling of the brugh of Lochemaben in ane fre brugh, compeirit William Maxwell, bailze of the said brugh, and producit ane chairtour of erectioun of the said brugh in ane fre brugh, grantit and maid to thame be his maieste, as the samyn, vnder the grit Lochmaben inrollet.

DUMFREIS, 3rd July 1605.

seill, daitit at the brugh of Sterling the 20 Maij 1579 at mair lenth proportis; quhilk being red and considderit be the saidis burrowis, the said William Maxwell was content and consentis, in name of thair said brugh, to beir all burdingis with the remanent burrowis according to thair habilitte, and to keip conwentiouns particular and generall as thai salbe warneit, and thairfoir the saidis commissioneris of burrowis hes acceptit, admitit, and vnrollitt, and be thir presentis ACCEPTIS, ADMITIS, and INROLLIS the said brugh in the nvmber and fellowschip of the fre burrowis of this realm, conforme to thair erectioun, ordaneing thame to haue place and woitt in all conwentiouns particular and generall, and to be warneit thairto conforme to the ordour vsit in sic caissis, and hes sett and taxt the said brugh in the soume of fourtie penneis of ilk j^c li. of taxatioun thatt salbe sett vpoun the burrowis; quhairvpoun the said William askit instrumentis.

Quhithorne contrair Irewyne. Missiue.

30. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Quhithorne aganis the brugh of Irewin, for certane wrangis and oppressiouns done be them to William Chryistesoun and Thomas Dungalsoun burgessis of Quhithorne, at lenth specyfeit thairin, the saidis commissioneris contenewis the decisioun of the said complaint to the nixt conventioun, att the quhilk tyme ordanis the said brugh to derect thair commissioner sufficientle instrucit to ansuer thairto, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Ratificatio. Wedderburne, clerk of Dundie.

31. The samyn day, for caussis and consideratiouns moweing thame, ratyfeis and apprewis and confermeis the gift and dispositioun maid be the provest, bailleis, and counsall, and deykinis of craftis of the brugh of Dundy, to Iames Wedderburne, second sone to Maister Alexander Wedderburne, commoun clerk of the said brugh, of the said office of commoun clerkschip, conforme to ane decreit arbritrall gevin be certane iudgeis, arbitratouris choissin betuixt the magistratis of the said brugh for the tyme vpoun the ane pairt and the said maister Alexander vpoun the vther pairt, at Perth in Julij 1604; prouyding awayis that thir presentis be nocht preiudiciall in tymeis cuming to the act of burrowis maid anent the electioun of commoun clerkis within brugh.

Air, impost.

32. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in be George Cocherane commissioner for the brugh of Air, in name of the said brugh, beiring that thair sey porte and herberie with the haill bulwarkis thairof ar now haillele perrishitt being rwiyneous and falling doun except tymeous remeid

war prowyditt, desyring licence of the burrowis to purches ane impost of our souerane lord according to the impost grantit to them in anno 1588 for reparatioun thairof, and that for the space of nyntein zeiris efter the expyreing of thair former gift; with the quhilk the saidis commissioneris being adwyssitt, findis the desyr of the said supplicatioun ressonabill, and thairfoir grantis licence to the said brugh to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of the impost in manner specyfeit in the impost grantit to the said brugh in anno 1588, and that for the space of xix zeir efter the expyreing of the said gift, prouyding thai mak compt at the end and ische of the said gift to the burrowis. DUMFRIES, 3d July 1605.

33. The samyn day, gewis powir and commissioun to the present commissioneris of Perth and Aberdein, to witt, Androw Conquerour for Perthe, Maister Thomas Meynzes for Aberdein, to trauell with the magistratis, pastouris, and inhabitantis of Dundy, for ane reconciliatioun betuixt thame, with powir to mak reporte to the burrowis that sall conveyne at Edinbrugh in August nixt, to quhome the saidis burrowis gewis commissioun be thame selffis or samony of thair nvmber as thai sall depute, vpoun the reporte foirsaid, nocht onle to insist in making the said reconciliatioun, bott alsua, in name of the saidis burrowis, to do all thingis thairvnto as the generall conventioun micht do thame selffis. Commissio, Perth, Abirdene. Reconciliatioun. Dundie.

34. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun of the brugh of Dumfreis, craweand supporte be taxatioun to the reparatioun of thair rwiyneous brig, presentle wysetit be the haill commissioneris, the saidis commissioneris contenewis thair ansuer thairto to the nixt generall conventioun, and ordanis the samyn to be ane heid of the missiue. Dumfries. Missiue.

35. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Dumbar to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of the impost conforme to the licence grantit to thame at the conventioun haldin at Kinghorne in Junij 1600, and that for the space of sewin zeir nixt following the expyreing of the gift grantit to thame of before, and that for reparatioun of thair hewin and bulwark, prouyding awayis the said brugh bestow the said impost to the reparatioun of the wark forsaid and mak compt to the burrowis thairof at the expyreing of the said gift or zeirle as thai salbe requyret. Dunbar. Impost.

36. The samyn day, anent the desyre of the brugh of Dumbartane, craweing supporte for helpeing thame to the reparatioun of thair brugh Dunbartane, support. Missiue.

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quhilk is altogidder rwiyneit be the violent inwasioun of the Watter of Lewin, and for derecting of ane man to his maieste to suite his maiesteis suppley to that wark ; the saidis commissioneris, for ansuer thairto, ordanis it to be ane heid of the generall missiue, and ilk brugh to cum instructit to gif ansuer thairto.

Wynrhame, agent, compts.

37. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris haifing hard, sene, futit, calculatt, and allowitt the comptis of Iames Wynraham thair agent, and collectour appointit be the burrowis of the soume of saxtene thowsand merkis, grantit for derecting of the commissioneris to Ingland, and of all vnlawis bygane, findis the said Iames restis awand to the burrowis, *de claro*, the soume of twa thowsand merkis, quhilk he alegis to be in the handis of the brugh of Edinbrugh be delyuerance thairof to Henre Nisbett, ane of the commissioneris quha war derect to Ingland and past nocht ; quhilk soume of tua thowsand merkis being payitt to the saidis burrowis, the saidis burrowis and the saidis Iames dischargis ilk ane vther of all soumeis, comptis, actis, and debursementis that ather of thame can lay to vtheris chairgis preceidand the dait heirof ; and forder the saidis burrowis assignis to the said Iames, to his awin behuiff, the vnlawis following, quhilk the brughis vnderwrittin hes incurrit in this conventioun and the conventioun of Perthe, and all vther vnlawis bygane, viz., at this conventioun the brughis of Sanctandrois, Cowper, Innernes, Elgyne, Iedbrugh, Peblis, Thaynes, Banff, Forfar, Rossay, Ruglein, Narne ; and at Perth, Iedbrugh, Quhithorne, Rossay, Sanquhar, ilk ane extending to the soume of tuenty pundis ; and als ordanis the said Iames to persew the said brugh of Edinbrugh for the said soume of tua thowsand merkis being in thair handis as saidis, and the commissioneris of Edinbrugh declairit that thai war nocht instructit and disasentit heirto.

JAS. WYNRAME.

Precept, agent, Lynlythgow.

38. The samyn day, ordanis Iames Wynraham, agent, to pay to the brugh of Lynlythgow the soume of ane hundreth pundis, mentionat in the [25] act maid in this present conventioun, for reparatioun of thair schore of Blaknes, and that betuixt and the first day of Julij nixt, and the samyn salbe allowitt to him in his comptis and repayit to him agane be the burrowis.

The samyn day, grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Dumfreis to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of the impost following, for the space of sewin zeiris, for reparatioun of thair rwiyneus brig, viz. : ilk pack tua s., ilk hors xvj d., ilk kow xvj d., ilk sheip ij d., ilk lamb j d., ilk pack skyns ij s., ilk daker hyidis xij d., ilk bark xiij s. iiij d., ilk boit laydinit xlj d. ; prouyding thai imploy the samyn to the reparatioun of the said brig, and mak the burrowis compt at the expyreing of the said licence. DUMFRIES, 3d July 1605. Dumfreis, impost.

The samyn day, desertis and desoluis this conventioun, and appointis the nixt conventioun to be haldin at the brugh of Dundy the first of Julij nixt, with contenewatioun of dayis. Nixt Conventioun.

Iohne Corsaue, moderatour.
George Foulis.
Iohnne Scheware.
Iohnne Rowat.
George Cochrane, commissioner for Ayr.
W. Carmichall.
W. Somervell for Renfrew.
Walter Airthe.
Nicoll Kellie.
Thomas Fallusdaill.
Henre Moreis.
Dauid Blair.
Herbert Cunyghame.
Iames Scott.
G. Durie for Innerkething.
Roger Macknacht.
Andro Conqueriour.
Mr Thomas Menzes.
D. Paterson.
Andro Ker for Lynlythquow.
Alex^r. Seytoun.
William Scot for Iruin.
Robert Frenche, commissioner for Kircaldie.
An. Wilsone.
Iohnne Mekill.
Iames Boisuell.
Iohnne Gowne.
A. Cunyngham for Craill.
Michael Cochrane.
Iohnne Forrett.

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DUNDEE,
5th July 1606.

Apud Dundie.

In the Generall Conwentioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Dundy, the fyft day of Iulij j^m sex hundrethe and sex zeiris, Compeirit the Commissioneris vnderwritten, and producit their commissiouns as followis : to witt, for

EDINBRUGH, Alexander Persoun, bailze, George Heriot, elder, goldsmith ; Perthe, Gawin Dalzell, Androw Conquerour, Henrie Elder, clerk ; Dundie, William Afflek, bailze, William Doncane, deyne of gild, William Goldman, bailze ; Aberdein, (*blank*); Sanctandrois, Maister Dauid Auchinmowtie; Glasgow, William Andersoun ; Sterling, Iames Schorte, Iohnne Williamson, clerk; Air, George Cocherane; Lynlithgow, Robert Ker, clerk; Dysart, Dauid Symsoun, younger; Hadingtoun ; Harie Cokburne; Kirkcaldie, Dauid Huchesoun ; Montrose, Iohnne Gray; Cowper, Iames Williamson, thesaurer; Anstruther Eister, Iohnne Dersie; Dumfries, Iohnne Corsaue; Innernes, Maister Iohnne Ross; Breichin, William Ramsay, clerk; Irewin, William Scott, prowest; Elgyne, George Brody; Iedbrugh, (*blank*); Kirkcudbricht, William Makgie ; Wigtoun, William Makgie; Pittinweyme, William Stewinsoun ; Dumferling, Iames Reid, deyne of gild; Dumbartane, Iohnne Sempill; Renfrow, William Somerwell, clerk; Lanerik, Robert Lockhart ; Arbrothe, Dauid Auchterlony; Brunteland, Iames Clerk; Peblis, Iohnne Dikesoun; Carrail, Iohnne Makesoun, clerk; Kinghorne, Iames Bosuell, younger; Tayne, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be (*blank*); Selkirk, George Michelhill, bailze; Anstruther Wester, William Dersie; Culross, Iohnne Forret, clerk; Dumbar, Henrie Lawder; Banff, Alexander Currour; Quhithorne, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be (*blank*) ; Forfar, Androw Hunter; Rossey, Mathow Spens; Ruglein, Iohnne Riddell; Northeberuik, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Hadingtoun; Culane, Iames Lawtie; Narne, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Dundy; Lawder, George Walkar ; Innerkeything, Harie Kinglassie; Kilrany, William Hunter; Sanquhar, be thair exemp-

tioun and ratefecatioun producit be Dumfreis; Annand, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Dumfreis; Lochemaben, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit *ut supra.* DUNDEE, 5th, 7th, July 1606.

Septimo Iulij j^m vj^c vj^o.

1. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris electis, creatis, and constitutis William Afflek, ane of the bailzeis of this brugh, first in the commissioun, thair moderatour during the conwentioun, quha being present accepit the samyn and gaif his aith in *communi forma.* Moderatour,

2. The samyn day, appointis the houris of thair meiting to be at viij houris in the morneing quhill tuelf houris, and fra tua houris quhil sex houris at evin, and the persounis absent at the ringing of the bell and calling of the rollis to pay ane vnlaw of vj s. viij d., and that nane be fund speiking without licence of the moderatour, nather mixt ressoneing with woitting, vnder the said pane. Hours of meitting.

3. The samyn day, findis the brugh of Quhithorne to haue incurrit the pane and vnlaw of tuenty pundis, for nocht productioun [of] thair ratefecatioun, subscryuit be thair provest and bailzeis or commoun clerk with the commoun seall, according to the claus specyfit in thair act of exemptioun, zitt neuirtheles vpon hoip of amendiment dispensis with the said vnlaw. Quithorne vnlawit.

4. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris hes exemit and exemis the brughis of Rossey (for fyve zeir) and Kirkcudbricht, Ruglein, Banff, Forres, Culane, Tayne, Nayrne, Renfrow, Anstruther Wester, Kilranie, Lawder, Selkirk, Ruglein, Elgyne, Arbrothe, five zeir, fra all conwentiounis generall or particular for the space of ~~fyre~~ thre zeris nixt efter the daitt heiroff, prouyding awayis that thai send to ilk conwentioun generall, with the commissioner of the nixt brugh nocht exemit, thair autentik lettre of ratefecatioun of all thingis to be done in the said conwentioun, togidder with all soumeis of money that it sall happin thame to be restand awand for the tyme to the burrowis for clerk and agent feyis or ony vther caus, vtherwayis to be vnlawit as absentis, and that the expenssis that thair commissioun micht haue cost them be bestowit vpon thair brigis, herbereis, tolbuith, kirk, or ony vther maist necessar common warkis, and compt to be gevin to the burrowis at the end of the said exemptioun, vnder the pane of Exemptiouns of Rossey, Kirkcudbricht, Ruglein, Banff, Forres, Culane, Thayne, Nayrne, Renfrow, Anstruther Wester, Kilraynie, Lawder, Selkirk, Ruglein, Elgein, Arbroth.

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ane vnlaw of xx li.; and als thir presentis nocht to be extendit to the caissis quhair thai ar warnit to ansuer at the instance of any particular brugh or pairtie; as lykwayis that thai send with thair said lettre of ratefecatioun the rovping of thair commoun guid and ryiding of thair marcheis, vnder the said pain. And for the vrgent caussis and necessiteis shawin be thame to the saidis commissioneris, grantis and gevis thame licence to depairt before the dissoluing or this present conventioun, and thai be thir presentis ratyfeis and apprewis all thingis done or to be done in this present conventioun.

The samyn day the commissioneris of this brugh weryfeit the lawfull citation of the haill burrowis to this present conventioun be delyuering of the general missive as vse is, and thairvpon askit instrumentis.

Vnlawing of burrowis absent.

5. The samyn day, findis the brughis of Perthe, Aberdein, Glasgow, Dysart, Sterling, Lynlythgow, Hadingtoun, Kirkcaldyie, Mwntrose, Anstruther Eister, Dumfreis, Innernes, Elgyne, Iedbrugh, Wigtoun, Pittinweyme, Dumbartane, Lanerik, Peblis, Carraill, Tayne, Dumbar, Nayrne, Innerkeything, Kilrany, Sanquhar, Annand, Lochmaben, and ilk ane of thame, to haue incurrit the pane and vnlaw of xx li. for being absent fra this conwentionn, being laufullie warnit thairto be the generall missiue as vse is, quhilk thai ordane Iames Wynram, agent, to vplift, quhairwith he is to be chairgit in his comptis.

All dischargit except Iedbrugh.

Vnfremen, forestalleris, etc. Missiue.

6. The samyn day, ordainis ilk brugh, as of before, to schaw and produce to the nixt generall conwentioun thair exact delegence in wrytt in restrayning and pvnisching of vnfre traffiqueris, sailleris without tikettis, regratouris, and foirstalleris, and vnfremen within thair liberteis, vsurpeand the libertie of thair brugh, and of depryveing thair outlandis burgessis, and gif vp the names of the offendaris and placeis quhair thai duell, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Dundie, Sanctandrois, Innernes. Commissiouns. Missiue.

7. The samyn day, anent the sext act of the last conventioun, mentionat in the generall missiue, concerning the brughis of Dundy, Sanctandrois, Innernes, quhair thai ar ordanit to produce thair delegence in wrytt of intimation to thair magistratis and counsall of the act of burrowis maid anent directing of commissioneris to parliamentis, conwentiounis of estaitis, and burrowis, be extracting the saidis actis and registering them in thair buikis: comperit the saidis commissioneris of Dundy and Sanctandrois and weryfeit the intimatioun of the saidis actis be production of the extractis thairof and registering the samyn in thair buikis, vnder the subscriptioun of thair

commoun clerk, and thairvpon askit instrumentis; and findis the brugh of Innernes to haue done na delegence for thair [pairt] and thairfoir decernis thame in ane vnlaw of xx li. to be vpliftit be thair agent, quhairwith he is to chairgit in his comptis, and zit neuirtheles, vpon promeis of the present commissioner of the said brugh that he sall extract the saidis actis, caus intymie and register the samyn and reporte his delegence thairvpon to the nixt conventioun, remitis the said vnlaw. DUNDEE, 7th, 8th, July 1606.

8. The samyn day, Iames Clerk, commissioner for the brugh of Brunteland, for satisfeing of the nyntene act of the last conwentioun mentionat in the generall missiue, exhibit and producit ane compt as apperit subscryuit be the bailzeis of the said brugh, concerning the imployment maid be them of the impost vpliftit be the said brugh quhilk was grantit be the burrowis to them for reparatioun of thair schore and bulwarkis, quhilk being red and considerit findis the samyn satisfeis the contents of the said act, quhairvpoun the said Iames askit instrumentis. Brunteland.

Octauo Iulij j^{m} vj^{c} vj^{o}

9. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris ordanis the brugh of Kirkcudbricht, as of before, to putt thair lettres raissit be them aganis vnfremen to forder executioun be raissing of captioun and executing the samyn; and Iames Wynrahame, agent, to delyuer the lettres of horneing quhilk he hes aganis the said vnfremen to the present commissioner, and the said brugh to reporte thair delegence to the next conventioun in wrytt vnder the pane of ane hundreth pundis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Kirkcudbricht. Missiue.

10. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris being conwenit, anent the mater of the alteratioun of thair taxt roll mentionat in the general missiue, efter lang ressoneing, and for dyuerssis caussis and consideratiounis moweing thame, findis expedientt and ordainis that the present extent roll of burrowis, as it was maid and sett doun at the generall convention of burrowis haldin at Brunteland in anno 1597, sall stand and contenew in the samyn force and effect as it now is, vnalterit or chanegit, for the space of thre zeiris nixt efter the daitt heirof. Taxt Roll.

11. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Renfrow to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift for the Renfrow, impost.

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space of fyve zeiris nixt following the daitt thairof of the impost efter specyfeit, that is to say: of ilk doissin buirdis that are loissit laydnitt or sauld at thair herbere aucht penneis; ilk hundreth rungis foure penneis; ilk daiker hyidis tuelf penneis; ilk last hering thre shillingis; ilk thousand hering sauld thair foure penneis; ilk doissin small skynnis ane penny; ilk hors schipit in Iyrland or the Yleis or landit in Renfrow to be sauld tua shillingis; ilk chalder witual cumand in be sey xxxij d.; ilk hors drawcht of ony wairis ij d., ilk doissin airis tuelf pennies; ilk laid witual cumand throw thair brugh four penneis; ilk ten scheip tua penneis; ilk nolt tua penneis; ilk score plaiding coft and sauld be fremen or brocht in be vnfremen aucht penneis; prouyding awayis the said brugh bestow the said impost vpon reparation of thair herbere, and mak zerle compt to the burrowis thairof at ilk generall conwentioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tuentie pundis sa oft as thai failze.

Nono Iulij j^{m} vj^{c} vj^{o}.

Ireweyne. Missiue.

12. The quhilk day, anent the tent act of the last conwentioun, mentionat in the general missiue, concerning the payment to the brugh of Irewin of the soume of fyve hundreth thre scoir merkis, grantit be the burrowis to them in persuite of thair actioun aganis the vnfre tredderis, findis the said brugh hes nocht prosecute the samyn in maner specyfeit in the said act; and thairfoir ordanis the said brugh as of before to insist in the said actioun and follow furth the samyn be the adwyse of the brugh of Edinbrugh, and to schaw thair delegence thairvpon to the nixt generall conwentioun, att the quhilk time thai ordane ilk brugh to bring with thame thair pairtis of the said soume to be gevin to the said brugh, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Dysart.

13. The quhilk day, Dauid Symsoun younger, bailze of Dysart and commissioner of the said brugh, exhibit and producit the act of the electioun of thair maiestratis and counsall att Mychalmes last, quhilk being red and considerit, findis the samyn satisfeis the desyre of the sevint act of the last conwentioun haldin at Dumfries, mentionat in the generall missiue, quhairvpon the said Dauid askit instrumentis.

Wigtoun. Missiue.

14. The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Wigtoun, as of before, to putt the lettres of caption raissit be them aganis thair vnfre tredderis to forder

executioun; conforme to the 14 act of the last conventioun, and reporte thair delegens thairvpon to the nixt conwentioun vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. DUNDEE, 9th, 10th July 1606.

Decimo Iulij j^m vj^c vj^o.

15. The quhilk day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Haddingtoun aganis the brugh of Dundy, mentionat in the generall missiue and xvij act of the last conventioun, for vptaking fra the nichtbouris of Hadingtoun of ane fleische of woll of ilk pak sauld within thair said brugh, by vther small customis, the commissioneris of baith the saidis burrowis being present, the saidis commissioneris decernis and ordanis the said brugh of Dundy to decist and ceis fra all vplifting of the said fleische of woll in tyme coming, at the leist ay and quhill the said brugh of Dundy produce thair richt, gif thai ony haue, quhairby thai alege thai haue powir to vplift the said dewty. Haddingtoun.

16. The samyn day, comperit the commissioneris of the brughis of Perth, Aberdein, Glasgow, Dysart, Sterling, Lynlithgow, Hadingtoun, Kirkcaldie, Mwntrose, Anstruther Eister, Dumfreis, Innernes, Elgyne, Wigtoun, Pittinweyme, Dumbartane, Lanerik, Peblis, Carrall, Dumbar, Nayrne, Innerkeything, Kilrany, quha was fund absent the first day of this conwentioun, and producit thair commissionis, and the commissioneris present vnderstanding thame to haue bene imployit for the weill of the borrowis at the Parliament haldin at Perth, and for vther caussis and consideratiounis mowing thame, remitis and dischargis the vnlawis quhairin thai and ilk ane of them incurrit. Burrowis vnlawis dischargit.

17. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the deykin and bretherein of the flescher craft of Edinbrugh againis the brughis of Perthe, Sterling, Lynlythgow, Innerkeything, and thair customeris, for taking extraordenar customis fra thame for thair guidis transportit, albeit thai cum nocht within thair burgh, mentionat in the generall missiue and xxviij act of the last conwentioun, the commissioneris of all the saidis brughis, and Iohnne Dauidsoun deykin of the said craft for him selff and in name of the bretherein thairof, being personalle present, thair ressounis and alegeancis hard and consideritt, and thairwith being ryple awyssit; the saidis commissioneris decernis and ordanis the saidis brughis of Perthe, Sterling, Lynlythgow, Innerkeything, and thair Flescheouris of Edinbrugh contra Perthe, Sterling, Lynlithgow, Innerkeything.

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customeris, to desist and ceiss fra taking of ony custome or dewty fra the said deykin or bretherein of the said craft or thair seruands for thair guidis transportit about thair saidis brughis in tyme coming, and becaus the commissioneris of the saidis brughis shew na ressonable caus in the contrair; and Gawin Dalzell commissioner for Perthe disasentit thairto.

Missiue.

And anent that pairt of thair said complaint aganis the saidis brughis for taking of custome of thair guidis cumand throw thair saidis brughis, albeit thai mak na mercat in bying or selling within thair saidis brughis, thai being fremen of his maiestes free brugh, the saidis commissioneris contenwis the decisioun thairof to the nixt generall conwentioun, ordaneing all the saidis brughis to compeir be thair commissioneris sufficientle instrucit with thair rychtis, ressounis, and alegeancis, and warrandis giff thai any haue, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the next missiue.

Undecimo Iulij j^{m} vj^{c} vj^{o}.

Dundie, impost.

18. The quhilk day, grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Dundy to impetratt of our souerane lord ane gift of the impost following, for reparatioun of thair schore and herbere, for the space of fyve zeiris efter the obteneing thairof, viz., tua schillingis of ilk twn of guidis entrand within the said herbere, and tua schillingis of ilk twn guidis passand furth thairof, to be vptakin of quhatsumevir awneris of the saidis guidis, and tuelf penneis to be vptaken of the fraucht of ilk twn of the saidis guidis entrand and passand furth of the said herbere, and that fra the awneris of the maisteris of the saidis schipis, boitis, or creyaris; item, of euerie hundreth peceis of tymber, of all soirtis loissit within the boundis of thair said herbere and preuelegeis thairoff, ane; off ilk chalder wittuall tua schillingis, the tua pairt thairof to be payit be the awner of the guidis and the thrid pairt thairof be the maister of the schip; and siclyk of all vther kind of guidis thatt ar measurit and vsit as chalderis the lyk dewty; prouyding the said brugh imploy the said impost to the effect forsaid and mak zerle compt thairof to the burrowis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and the commissioneris of the brugh of Perthe disasent heirto, and thairvpon askit instrumentis.

The samyn day, grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Glasgow to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of ane impost for reparatioun of thair calsayis and brigis, to indure for the space of nyne zeiris nixt following the passing of the said gift, in maner and conforme to the licence grantit to the said brugh be the burrowis in the conventioun haldin at Glasgow in anno 1598, exemeand the brugh of Renfrow and thair inhabitantis of ony payment thairof, the said brugh of Renfrow paying zeirle to the said brugh of Glasgow the soume of foure pundis during the tyme of the said gift. DUNDEE, 11th July 1606. Glasgow, Impost.

19. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris haiffing red and considderit the sewintt and aucht actis of the particular conwentioun of burrowis haldin at the brugh of Edinbrugh the sext day of August j^{m} vj hundrethe and fyve zeris, anent the electing and nominating Thomas Fischer and William Speir, merchandis, burgessis of Edinbrugh, and directting of thame to pas to the realmis of Ingland and France, in maner specyfet and contenit in the saidis actis, and anent the defraying of thair chairgis and borrowing of the soumeis mentionat thairinto fra Iohn Nisbett, as the saidis actis at length purportis; for the caussis and ressounis contenit in the saidis actis the saidis commissioneris ratyfis, apprewis, and allowis the saidis actis, and haill contentis, claussis, and circumstancis thairof in all pointis; and becaus thai fynd be the saidis actis that the saidis commissioneris convenit at Edinburgh the said sext day of August foirsaid, for defraying of the chairgis of the said Thomas Fischer and William Speir, agreeit and consentit that the soume of tuelf hundrethe pundis sould be borrowit vpoun proffeit, to be gewin to them vpon compt to be maid to the burrowis, quha become also obleist to pay vnto thame sic soumeis of money as thai sould happin to deburse forder nor the said soume efter futeing of thair comptis, and that the saidis particular burrowis caussit borrow fra the said Iohn Nisbett the soume of tua thowsand merkis vpon annuelrent, for payment to the saidis persouns of the said soume of tuelf hundrethe pundis and annuell thairvpon, quhill the first day of Iuly instant, with the payment to the burrowis of thair expenssis quha conwenit to the said conwentioun; lykas the said Iohn Nisbett being present desyritt the saidis burrowis to mak payment to him of the said soume of tua thowsand merkis with the annuelrent of the samyn, extending to tua hundrethe and xl li.; and syklyk Thomas Fischer and William Speir compeirand maid reporte of thair procedingis in the said journey, and producit dyuerssis writtis and lettres raissit Commissio. Fyschear Speir.

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be them concerning the effairis of the burrowis, quhilk thai desyritt them to caus reid and considder and tak ordor with the contentis thairof, quhilk may grittumle tend to the weill of the haill burrowis; as also producit thair comptis of thair expenssis in the said journey, desyring the samyn to be futit and allowit that thai micht be payit of the superexpenssis gif ony be, by and attour the tuelf hundrethe pundis payit to them be Iohn Nisbett; with the quhilk the said commissioneris being avyset, fyndis that it wald be lang and tedious to thame to remyne ony langer within this brugh vpon the saidis materis, being now wereit be thair lang abyiding here, and thairfoir thai be thir presentis giffis thair full powir and commissioun to the brughis of Edinburgh, Perthe, Dundy, Sterling, Sanctandrois, Hadingtoun, Glasgow, Dysart, Brunteland, Air, Mwntross, and Kirkcaldy, or ony ten of them, to direct thair commissioneris to meitt and conveyne at the brugh of Brunteland the tuenty day of August nixt, with contenwatioun of dayis, to intreatt and confer vpoun the saidis materis, woitt, conclude and decerne thairintill, and tak fynall ordor thairwith, for the weill of the burrowis; with speciall povir to fute and heir the saidis comptis of the said Thomas Fischer and William Speir, and tak ordor for payment of the superexpenssis gif ony be, and of the saidis soumeis awand to the said Iohn Nisbett; and the present commissioner of the said brugh of Brunteland of his awin consent promitit to mak warneing to the saidis burrowis to conveyne the said day, and the brughis absent, being laufulle warneitt, to pay to the burrowis conweyneand ilk brugh ane vnlaw of xl li.; and generalle all and sundre vther thingis to do in the premissis siclyk and als frele as the generall conwentioun of burrowis micht haue done themselffis, *promittentis de rato.* And Alexander Persoun and George Heriott, commissioneris for Edinburgh, producit the said Iohn Nisbettis acquittance quhair thai had maid payment to him of thair pairtis of the said ij^{m} merkis at the borrowing thairof, and thairfoir protestit that thai micht be freed of thair pairtis of the principall soume and annuell thairof baith bygane and in tymeis coming, and thairvpon askit instrumentis.

Commissio. Fyschear, Speir.

Commissio. Conseruator.

20. The samyn day, anent the mater of the complaintis of dyuerssis inhabitantis of the burrowis aganis Sir Robert Dennelstoun, conseruator in Flanders for the natioun, and aganis the factoris resident in Camphere, mentionat in the xvj act of the last conventioun generall haldin at Dumfreis in Iulij 1605, and the second act of the particular conventioun haldin

at Edinbrugh in August thairefter, comperit Iames Wynraham, agentt, and declairit that the conseruator was within this realm and presentle in the brugh of Sanctandrois, and that he haid maid him laufull warneing, personalle apprehendit, to compeir in the present conventioun to ansuer to the saidis complaintis conforme to the saidis actis; and als producit ane missiue direct be the said conseruator to the present commissioneris excuissand his absence throw ane hurt in his leg, and desyring them to assinge him ane day and to mak chois of sic nvmber as thai sould fynd expedient and he sould keip the samyn; lykas also Nyniane M'Moran, Eduard Makmathe, merchandis, William Ramsay, Robert Broun, and Hercules Richie, skipperis, gaif in thair complaintis, for themselffis and dyuerssis vtheris thair nichtbouris, aganis the said conseruator: In respect quhairof the saidis commissioneris gewis povir and commission to the burrowis quha sould conveyne at Brunteland the tuenty day of August nixt to call in before them the saidis pairtis, tak in thair complaintis and decyd thairintill, siclyk and als frele as the saidis burrowis micht haue done themselffis in this present conventioun, and ordains Iames Wynraham to mak citatioun to the said conseruatour; and siclyk gewis commissioun to the saidis burrowis to tak ordor with the said conseruator anent the remanent pointis of his office, and as thai fynd him giltie to proceed in taking sic ordor with him as thai sall fynd expedient, as lykwyis to tak ordor with the saidis factoris for repairing of the enormitis and wrangis done be them to the natioun. Dundee, 11th July 1606.

21. The samyn day, anent the 37 act of the last conwentioun generall haldin at Dumfreis, concerning the xvj^{m} merkis grantit for directing of the commissioneris to Ingland, and anent the compt thairof maid be Iames Wynraham, agent, collector of the samyn, quhairin he is fund awand to the burrowis the soume of tua thousand markis, quhilk he alegit to be in the hands of the brugh of Edinbrugh, for the quhilk he was ordanit to persew thame, as the said act at mair lenth purportis; the said Iames comperand producit his delegens in persewing of Henrie Nisbett before the lordis for the said soume. With the quhilk the saidis commissioneris being adwyssit fynds the samyn na sufficient delegens, and zitt thay haue thocht guid to remitt the said mater to the commissioneris of the burrowis quha is ordanit to conweyne att Brunteland the xx^{o} day of August nixt, giffand them full powir and commissioun to call in before them the said Iames Wynraham, togidder with the said brugh of Edinbrugh and the said Henrie Nisbett, and Commissio. Wynrahame, Agent.

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all vtheris haifing entres, and thai being hard to giff furth thair decisioun in the said mater for caussing of the persounis that salbe fund adetit in the said soume to mak payment thairof to the saidis burrowis, and with powir to heir and allow thair comptis giff any be; and ordanis the brugh of Brunteland to causs warne all the saidis pairteis to the said day and the agent is warnit heirto, *apud acta;* and Alexander Persoun commissioner for Edinburgh disasentit heirto, in respect the said mater is depending before the lordis of sessioun, be ressoun the said Iames is ordanit to persew thame, and that thair commissioneris at Dumfreis disasentit to the said act; lykas the said Alexander and George disasentit thairto, and thairvpon askit instrumentis.

Dumbartane, impost.

22. The samyn day, grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Dumbartane to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of ane impost and custome for the space of nynteine zeiris efter the daitt thairof in maner and conforme to the licence grantit to the said brugh be the burrowis at thair conventioun haldin at (*blank*).

Dumbartane. Missiue.

23. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun of the brugh of Dumbartane, craweing the burrowis suppley to mak thair commissioneris expenssis quha is to pas to Ingland to his majestie for craifing supporte to thair brugh, quhilk is appeirantlie to decay without tymeus remeid; the saidis commissioneris, vnderstanding the estaitt of the said brugh nocht habill for the present to furneis out ane commissioner, promitis at thair returneing hame to informe thair brughis to gif commissioun to the commissioner quha salbe direct to the nixt conventioun to contribute to the defraying of the said commissioneris chairgis, and ordanis the samyn to be ane heid of the next missiue.

Sanctandrois, Kinghorne. Dumbartane. Extent Roll.

24. The samyn day, vnderstanding the gritt decay of the brughis of Sanctandrois, Kinghorne, and Dumbartane, be ressoun of the visitatioun of the said brugh with the noysum plaig of pestelence thir dyuerssie zeiris past, and that sen the last setting of the taxt roll at Brunteland in anno 1597 that thair is thre new erectit brughis quhilk payit na extent of before and is now sett at this tyme to ten schillingeis, viz., Sanquhar, Lochmaben, and Annand, ilk ane foirty penneis; the saidis commissioneris, for the help of the saidis brughis, grantis that ilk ane of the saidis brughis be deminishitt of the soume of fourte penneis of ather of thair comptis, to indure for the space of thre zeiris allanerle.

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Anstruther Eister. Impost.

25. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Anstruther Eister to impetratt of our souerane lord ane gift of ane impost, for the space of sevin zeris nixt following the daitt thairof, in maner and conforme to the licence grantit be the burrowis to the brugh of Craill in the conventioun haldin at Sterling in Iulij j^{m} v^{c} lxxxxiiij^{o} zeris; and the commissioner of Anstruther Wester disasentit thairto and thairvpon askit instrumentis.

Dumfreis, Peblis. Missiue.

26. The samyn day, ordainis it to be ane heid of the nixt missiue, as of before, concerning the brughis of Peblis and Dumfreis [the said brugh of Peblis] craweing supporte to the help of thair brugh and habitantis quhilk was brunt with fyre, and the said brugh of Dumfreis for reparatioun of thair brig habill to decay without tymeus remeid.

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Statut, jadgeing, sercherie.

27. The samyn day, statutis and ordanis that na burges within brugh be factor or deput or pairtener with ony vnfre men in exerceing the office of gadgeing and sercherie without licence of the magistratis, vnder the pane off tynsell of thair liberty; and gewis commissioun to the burrowis quha meitis at Brunteland to meyne the fraud of the gadgeris of salmond and fische in the west cuntry to the lordis of Secreit Counsall and suit redres thairof.

Andersoun, precept, Agent.

28. The samyn day, findis the burrowis restis awand to Iames Andersoun, clerk of Cowper, the soume of tuenty pundis for his painis in wryting the missiueis to the burrowis in anno 1604, for the conventioun quhilk sould haue haldin thair and held at Perthe be ressoun of the Parliament, and thairfoir assignis to him for payment thairof the first vnlaw that sall happin to waik at this conventioun or ony vther.

Wigtoun, impost.

29. The samyn day, grantis and giffis licence to the brugh of Wigtoun to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of the impost following, to indure for the space of threttene zeiris efter the passing thairof, for reparatioun of thair herbere, viz., of ilk staig viij d., of ilk ryddin hors tuelf penneis, of ilk kow or ox viij d., of ilk laidnitt boit iij s. iiij d., and of ilk twn wyne or vther geir thre schillingis; prouyding the said brugh imploy the said impost to the effect foirsaid and mak zerle compt to the burrowis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.

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Forfar contra Perthe, Brechin Missiue.

30. The samyn day, anent the complaintis of the brugh off Forfar aganis Perthe and Brechin, for exacting fra the nichtbouris of the said brugh of Forfar, comand to thair saidis brughis with thair guidis to be sauld, gritter customis nor thai aucht, and in stopping of them to sell thair saidis wairis, baith the saidis commissioneris being present; contenewis the decissioun of the saidis complaintis to the nixt generall conventioun, and ordanis the saidis brughis to cum instrucit to ansuer thairto with thair rychtis and ressonis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Dumfreis. Annand. Missiue.

31. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Dumfreis contrar the brugh off Annand, for admitting of certane burgessis in preiudice and hurt of the said brugh, ordanis it to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Perthe, Dundy. Precept. Agent.

32. The samyn day, for caussis moveing thame, remitis to the brughis off Perth and Dundy thair vnlawis quhilk thai incurrit at the particular conventioun haldin at Edinburgh in August last.

Precept. Agent, Wedderburne.

33. The samyn day, ordanis Iames Wynraham, agent, of the reddiest money in his handis to gif to Mr Alexander Wedderburne, commoun clerk of this brugh, the soume of xx li. for his panis in derecting the missiueis, quhilk salbe allowit to him in his comptis.

Quhithorne contra Irewin. Missiue.

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Dissoluing the Conventioun.

35. The samyn day, desertis and dissoluis this present conventioun, and appointis and affixis the nixt generall conwentioun to be begun and haldin at the brugh of Dumbartane the first day of Iulij nixtocum, j^{m} sex hundrethe and sevin zeris, with contenewatioun of dayis; ordaneing the said brugh to direct missiueis in dew tyme, and the commissioneris present to aduerteis thair said brughis thairof.

W. Auchinlec, moderator.
Gauin Dalzell, balze.
H. Elder.
W. Goldman, baillie.
Mr Dauid Auchtmowty.
George Cochrane.
Harie Kynglasie.
Ihone Gray.
Alexander Persoun, baille.
Geoirge Hereot, eld.
William Andersoun.
Iames Schort.
Dauid Symsone.
Ro. Ker.
Robert Lokhart for Lanerk.
Iames Williamsoun.

BRUNTELAND, 20th August 1606.

Iohne Corsaue.
Ihone Dersy.
Dauid Huchon.
Willem Dersy.
Dauid Oucherlonny.
George Brodie.
Mr Iohne Ross.
Iohnne Forret for Culros.
W. Somervell for Renfrow.
William M'Ghie.
I. Lautie for Cullane.
Will. Ramsay for Brechin.
Androw Symsone.
H. Cokburne.
William M'Kie.
Iames Reid.
Iames Clark.
Willyam Steuinstoun.
William Scott, provest of Iruin.
Henrie Lauder.
I. Semple of Coruithe for Dumbartan.
Iohne Makesone, clerk off Craell.
Iames Boiswell.
Ihone Dykesoune for Peblis.
Alex^r. Currour for Banff.

Brunteland. 20th August 1606.

In the Particular Conwentioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Brunteland the tuentie day of August j^m sex hundreth and sex zeiris, be the Commissioneris vnderwrittin, be wertew and powir of the actis maid in the Generall Conwentioun of Burrowis haldin at the brugh of Dundy in Iulij last, anent the effairis following:

EDINBRUGH, Alexander Persoun, bailze, George Heriot, goldsmyth; Perthe, Androw Conquerour; Dundy, Mr John Lowell, bailze; Sterling, Archibald Alexander; Sanctandrois, Androw Wattsoun; Hadingtoun, Alexander Seytoun; Glasgow, William Fleymeing; Dysart, Dauid Symsoun, younger; Brunteland, Patrik Greif, Mr Androw Wilsoun, clerk; Air, (*blank*); Mwnros, Iohnne Gray, bailze; Kirkcaldy, James Law, younger.

BURNTISLAND, 20th, 22d August 1606.

Moderatour.

1. The samyn day, electis creatis and constitutis Patrik Greiff, merchand, first in the commissioun for this brugh, thair moderatour during this conventioun, quha comperand acceptit the samyn and gaife his aith in *communi forma.*

Convening.

2. The samyn day, statutis and ordanis that the houris of thair conventioun salbe at viij houris quhill xij houris, and fra tua houris quhill sex houris, and the personis absent at the ceissing of the bell and calling of the rollis to pay ane vnlaw of sex schillingis viij d., and that nane speik without licence of the moderatour, nather mixt ressoneing with woitting, vnder the said pane.

Air.

3. The samyn day, William Speir, merchand, maid reporte that vpoun Thurisday last he was in the brugh of Air, quhair the provest and bailleis thairof desyritt him to excuis the absence of thair brugh fra this present conventioun, be ressoun of the pestelence quhairwith thai ar veseit at this tyme, notourle knawin to the haill cuntry ; thairfoir and in respect of thair estaitt, the saidis commissioneris dispensis with thair absence and vnlaw quhilk thai sould haue incurrit.

Vigesimo secundo Augusti j^{m} vj^{c} vj^{o}.

Edinburgh. Agent. Nisbett.

4. The quhilk day, anent the xxj act of the last conventioun generall haldin at Dundy, concerning the soume of tua thowsand merkis quhilk Iames Wynraham, agent, is fund awand to the burrowis, as the said act maid thairvpoun, togidder with ane act maid thairanent at Dumfreis, at mair length proportis ; comperit the said Iames Wynraham, as of before, and weryfeit that he had maid payment thairof to Henrie Nisbett, ane of the commissioneris appointit for the treaty of the Union, and siclyk Iohnne Nisbett producit ane lettre missiue direct to the present commissioneris fra the said Henrie Nisbett excuissand his absence and declairand that he had payitt the said soume to the brugh of Edinbrugh, exceptand the soumes deburssit be him in his preparatioun towards his weyages to Ingland, lykas alsua Alexander Persoun and George Heriott commissioneris of Edinbrugh confest the samyn ; and thairfoir the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, haifing comptit and reknitt with thame, and haifing red and considerit the compt gevin in be them thairvpoun, thay allow and defalk to

the said brugh the soume of ane thowsand merkis in full contentatioun of the said Henreis Nisbettis expenssis and of all vther expenssis contenit in the said compt, and sua findis the said brugh of Edinbrugh restand awand to the burrowis, *de claro*, the soume of ane thowsand merkis money, quhilk soume thai ordane the said brugh to content and pay to the said Iohn Nisbett in pairt of payment of the soumeis restand awand to him mentionat in the [21] act of the last conventioun at Dundy maid thairanent, quhilk the said Ihonn acceptit; lykas the saidis commissioneris of the said brugh of Edinbrugh in name of thair said brugh promitit to mak payment to him of the samyn betwixt and Mertymes nixt; and thairfoir the saidis burrowis for them selffis and haifing full povir and commissioun of the remanent burrowis, exoneris and discharges the said Iames Wynraham, Henrie Nisbett, togidder with the said brugh of Edinbrugh, of the said soume of tua thowsand merkis.

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5. The samyn day, anent the commissioun gevin to the saidis commissioneris be the generall conventioun of burrowis haldin at the brugh of Dundy in Iulij last, to fute and heir the comptis of Thomas Fischer and William Speir, merchandis, of thair chairgis and expenssis maid in thair journey to Ingland and France, conforme to the 19 act of the last conventioun, compeirit the said Thomas Fischer and William Speir and producit thair comptis of the samyn, desyring the samyn to be futit and allowit be the saidis commissioneris, quha haiffing red and considerit the samyn thai war content and consentit to fute and allow the saidis comptis, lyk as thai be thir presentis allowis the samyn, exceptand the heids and artickleis following, to witt, the artickle anent thair cleything conteneing the soume of threttе thre pundis sex s. viij d. sterling, extending in Scottis money to four huudrethe pundis, thai war content to allow the soume of four hundrethe merkis and disalowitt the rest thairof; and anent the artickle of fyve pund sterling gevin to Thomas Fischer to keip his purss thai disallowitt the samyn, becauss thai haue nocht ressauit ane particular compt thairof, togidder with the artickle of thre pundis sex schillingis aucht penneis sterling for the tynsell quhilk thai haid of thair hors, with the haill artickleis insert in the said compt efter the totall soume thairof, except the artickle of tuentie ane pundis sex schillingis aucht penneis scotis quhilk thai war content to allow; and the said Thomas Fischer and William Speir disasentit to the said disallowance affirmeing that thair comptis war honest and

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laufull and thairfoir thai haid na just caus to disalow ony pairt thairof, and tuik up thair comptis and protestit for remeid of law; and the commissioneris of Edinbrugh war content to accept and allow the haill comptis foirsaidis and protestit that the said brugh was nocht haldin to beir ony burding of the chairgis and expenssis that the saidis burrowis micht incur in the premisses heirefter be thair wilfulnes, and giff the saidis persouns sall happin herefter to gif up ony forder gritter compt the said brugh of Edinbrugh to be fre thairof, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis; and the remanent burrowis present protestit in the contrair.

Conseruatour.

6. The samyn day, anent the commissioun gevin to the saidis burrowis be the generall conventioun haldin at Dundy in the mater of Sir Robert Dennelstoun of Montioy knicht, Conseruator for the natioun in the Law Cuntreyis, dyuerssis merchandis, skipperis, and awneris of schipis trafficquand in the Law Cuntreyis comperand gaiff in thair complaintis aganis the said conseruatour quha was lykwayis personale present, and att lenth, efter lang consultatioun in the said mater his lordschip, for satisfeing of pairteis and contentatioun of the saidis burrowis, maid and gevin in the heids and offeris following, desyring the saidis burrowis to accept the samyn, to witt:—

FIRST, anent the greiffis and complaints gevin in be the saidis persounis he was content, being tryitt, to mak satisfactioun to the saidis parteis at thair lordschipis sicht.

ITEM, he was content to accept the tabill to be gevin in be them vnto him of the dewteis of his conseruator fey, to obsyrve and keip the samyn, renunceand all vther feyis and dewteis, oblissand himselff that he nor his deputis sall tak nor craife na hiear dewteis in tyme coming.

ITEM, quhatsumewir contrauersie sall fall furthe betuixt him and the merchandis, maisteris, and marineris of schipis, herefter, his lordschip was content and consentit that the samyn sould be tryitt and decyiditt be the commissioneris in thair generall conventioun zeirlie, or sic as thai sall depute thairto, submittand him self to thair jurisdictioun and renunceand all vther jurisdictiounis quhatsumewir, and quhowsoevir thai sall decerne thairinto he sall obey and fulfill the samyn, and that he salbe ansuerable to the saidis burrowis for his deputis and officeris.

ITEM, he oblissis himselff to compeir before the generall conventioun of burrowis zeirle, be himself or his deputis as he salbe requyrit, to ansuer to all pairteis haifing entres, and to vnderly sic iniunctiounis and instructiounis

as it sall pleis the saidis burrowis to inioyne vnto him for the weill of the natioun, merchandis, maisteris, and marineris trafficquand in the Law Cuntreyis, and that he sall put the actis maid or to be maid in thair conventiounis concerning the saidis persounis to dew execution in all pointis. BURNTISLAND, 22d August 1606.

ITEM, thatt he sall nocht suffer the watter bailze of Myddilbrugh nor na straingeris to arrest thair schipis or guidis of the natioun, nor to haue ony jurisdictioun or authorite ower them be him, bott to vse his lordschipis authorite be ane officer of his awin, and nocht to poynd nor to tak the saills fra the rayis without ane decreit of court gevin aganis the offenderis.

ITEM, that he sall discharge Iohn Patoun and all vtheris of exacting of the natioun of ony dewtie ather off thair coillis or ony vther wairis exceptand thai be imployitt be the awneris thairoff.

ITEM, he oblissis him selff to keip and obsyrve the premissis and euerie point thairoff be him selff his deputis and officeris, vnder sic panis to be payitt be him to the burrowis as it sall pleis the generall conventioun to inioyne vnto him, and was content thatt letters of horneing, poinding, and wairding war direct be the Lordis of Counsall vpon the extract hereoff, and the horneing to be vpoun ane semple chairge of threscoir dayis allanerle.

WITH THE WHILK offeris the saidis commissioneris of burrowis being adwyssit thay acceptit the samyn, and hes grantit and gevin vnto him the dewteis following in name of conseruator fey, and in full contentatioun of all vther feyis to be acclamit be him of the natoun in tyme coming, to be payit to him herefter for his honorable sustentatioun and adwancement, and for doing of his honest dewtie to the natioun in doing of thame justice and manteyneing of theme aganis all straingeris and conseruing of thair preueledgeis, to witt;

FIRST, thai grant that ilk burges sone, and he that mareis ane burges dochter, att thair first weyage to the Law Cuntreyis sall pay to his lordschip ten s. gritt, and all vther merchandis being burgessis and new intrantis tuenty schillingis gritt.

ITEM, thatt his lordschip sall tak and haife of the stapill waris passand fra Scotland to the Law Cuntreyis, of ilk sek guidis frae the merchand tuelf sturis, and the skipper and schip thre stuiris for the seck.

ITEM, of ilk tua twn wyne Burdeaux bynd quhilk is sett to ane seck, and of ilk tua twn and ane halff hie cuntre bynd or Rochell wyne estemitt to ane

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sek, and ilk four butis Spanis wyne estemit to ane sek, for ilk seck the merchand sex stuiris and the schip tua stuiris.

ITEM, of ilk foure twn salt estemitt to ane seck, for the salt sex stuiris of the merchand and the schip tua stuiris.

ITEM, quhair ony guidis ar laydnitt be straingeris in ane Scottis schip the samyn to pay na conseruator fey, except the schip to pay for ilk seck tua stuiris allanerle.

ITEM, ilk last guidis cummand fra the eister seyis, estemit to ane seck, to pay sex stuiris and the schip tua stuiris,

ITEM, the coillis and dewteis thairoff *sic ut antea.*

ITEM, giff ony persoun sall depairt to thair weyage without payment of thair conseruator feyis forsaid that thai be astrickit in the doubill thairoff.

ITEM, ordanis that ilk skipper or his maitt sall within foure dayis efter the schippis saife arryuell to the schore mak reporte to the said lord conseruator or his deputis of thair arryuell, quhairwith thai ar laydnit and quhair fra thai come, vnder the pane of tuenty schillingis gritt, to be payitt to the said lord conserutor.

ITEM, siclyk grantis vnto his officeris, quhome he is ordanitt to imploy in place of the watter bailze of Middilbrugh and straingeris, ane croun for thair panis in arrestementis making.

QUHILK TABILL and heids foirsaidis the said lord conseruator hes acceptit, and be thir presentis acceptis in maner foirsaid, and oblisses him selff to obserue, keip, and fulfill the samyn in all points. IN WITNES of the quhilk thing he hes subscryiut this present act and appointement with his hand.

SIR R. DENISTON, *conser.*

Conseruator. Bawtie.

7. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris fyndis that the natioun is gritle abussit by the tyrranie and oppressioun of Gilbert Baty, deput to Sir Robert Dennelstoun, conseruator, and thairfoir ordanis the said lord conseruator to discharge him of his deputre, and nocht to suffer him to vse the samyn herefter bott onle to collect his lordschipis feyis to his coming to the Campheir, and siclyk nocht to suffer the said Gilbert be him selff or ony vtheris in his name to by the wairis cummand fra Scotland and to

sell the samyn to his awin behuife, nor zitt to transport the samyn to West Flanders; lykas also thai ordane his lordschip to caus putt the actis of burrowis to dew executioun aganis the factoris in bying of the saidis Scotis wairis and selling of the samyn agane to thair awin behuife, or zitt caussing transporte the samyn to West Flanders, and giff thai or the said Gilbert dois the samyn that his lordschip vnlaw them and ilk ane of them in ane vnlaw of xl. li. grit, *totijs quotijs*, quhairof the ane half to be applyitt to him selff and the vther half to the burrowis; and gif thai or ony of them hes or purshessis ony licences thairto thatt his lordschip discharge them of thair office of factorie; and last, thai ordane his lordschip be act of court to discharge the merchandis of the natioun and factoris of selling of ony wairis cumand from Scotland to Jacob Keyne in (*blank*) vnder the pane of fourtie pundis gritt, *totijs quotijs*, and to put the samyn act to dew executioun aganis them, because the said Jacob and (*blank*) ar notourle knawin be thair proceidingis to be ane gritt hurt to the merchandis trafficquand thair, and the said act to be intimitt to the merchandis be his lordschip.

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8. The samyn day, anent the complaint gevin in before them be Iohne Hagie, maister of the schip callet the Iohne of Dysart, aganis Sir Robert Dennelstoun, conseruator, for the wrangis and iniwreis done to him in Iuly last be the watter bailze of Myddilbrugh, vnder cullour and authoritie of the said conseruator, and be Gilbert Baty the said conseruatoris deput, be cuming abuird of his schip and taking fra him of his main saill and detyning the samyn as zitt, quhairby he was constrainit to pas to the sey without the said saill, and als for the contumelious specheis gevin to him be the said Gilbert Baty quha refuisset also to do him justice, as at lenth is contenit in the said complaintt; baith the saidis parteis being present, thair ressounis hard and consideritt, with the probatioun of certane famous witnesses led and takin in the said mater, the saidis commissioneris decernis and ordanis the said lord conseruator to content and pay to the said complener the soume of fourtie gudlingis in contentatioun of the price of the said saill tane fra him as said is, the said complener paying to him seventene gudlingis for the conseruator fey at thatt tyme, and als to cause the said Gilbert Baty at the said compleneris cuming to Campheir to ask him forgifnes vpon his kneyis, vnder the pane of ten punds Fleymis to be payitt, to the saidis burrowis, and this becaus the said complener prewit the said complanitt sufficientle as efferis.

Hagy contra Conseruator.

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Loquhoir, contra Conseruator.

9. The samyn day, decernis and ordanis Sir Robert Dennelstoun, conseruator, to content and pay to William Laquhoir, maister of the schip callet the Gift of God, of Kinghorne, the soume of tuelff crouns, wrangousle tane fra him be the watter bailze of Myddilbrugh, in name and at command and allowance of the said Sir Robert in the moneth of Marche j^{m} sex hundrethe and ane zeiris, in respect of his confessioun.

Allan, Conseruator.

10. The samyn day, decernis and ordanis Sir Robert Dennelstoun, conseruator, at his hamecuming to Flanderis to content and to pay to Williame Allane, maister of the schip callit the William of Dysart, the soume of fourtene gudlingis, wrangousle tane fra him be the said Sir Robert, Gilbert Baty his deput and his officeris, in Marche 1604, in respect of the said Sir Robertis confessioun.

Robertsoun, Conseruator.

11. The samyn day, decernis and ordanis Sir Robert Dennelstoun, conseruator, to pay to John Robertsoun, burges of Brunteland, skipper of the schip callet the Grace of God, the soume of aucht crouns, wrangousle tane fra him in Myddilbrugh be the watter bailze and his officeris in name and be authorite of the said conseruator, in August 1600, conforme to the clame gevin in thairanent, in respect of the said Sir Robert Dennelstoun's confessioun gevin heranent this day in judgment.

Nesbett.

12. The samyn day, anent the commissioun gevin to thame be the generall conventioun of burrowis haldin at Dundy in Iuly last, for taking order with Iohn Nisbett for payment to him of the soumeis borrowit be him to the saidis burrowis to be gevin to Thomas Fischer and William Speir, conforme to the actis maid thairvpoun, thay comptit and reknitt with the said Iohn vpon the some of saxtene hundrethe pundis borrowit be him to thatt effect, and findis the saidis burrowis wilbe awand vnto him *de claro* att Mertymes nixt the soume of ane thowsand threscoir sex pundis xiij s. iiij d., and thair is allowitt and deducit to him the soume of ane thowsand merkis quhilk war awand to the saidis burrowis of the said saxtene hundrethe pundis be the brugh of Edinbrugh of Henrie Nisbettis money according to the compt gevin in thairvpon, as the said compt at mair lenth purportis; for payment quhairof thai ordane that ilk brugh sall pay thair pairt thairof according to the taxt roll, to be delyuerit to the said Iohn betuixt and Mertymes nixt, and he to mak them laufull aduerteisement thairof and thai that payis nocht the samyn to be vnlawit in ane vnlaw of xx li., to be collectit be the said Iohn vpon compt to be maid to the bur-

rowis, and the expenssis to be maid in collectioun of the said soume to be vpon the haill borrowis expenssis to be payitt to him at the nixt conventioun genorall. BURNTISLAND, 22nd August 1606.

Geoirge Heireot, elder.
Alex^r. Setoune for Hadingtoun.
Iohne Gray for Mwntrois.
W. Flemyng for Glasgow.
Ar^d. Alexander for Stirling.
Dauid Symsone, Dysert.
Iames Law, Kirkcaldy.
Patrick Greif, moderator.
Alexander Persoun for Edinbrugh.
Androw Conqueror for Perthe.
Mr Ihone Louell for Dundie.
Andro Watsoun Santandrois.
Mr Andro Wilsone.

13. The same day, ordanis ane heid of the nixt missiue to be anent the supplicatioun of Brynteland craving help to thair harberis and augmentatioun to thair ankerage. Brunt Ilan Missiue.

Apud Dumbartane.

In the Generall Conwentioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Dumbartane the first day of Iulij j^m sex hundrethe and sevin zeiris, comperit the Commissioneris vnderwritten, and producit commissiouns in maner following: DUMBARTON, 1st July 1607.

EDINBRUGH, Alexander Persoun, George Foulis, goldsmith; Perthe, Gawin Dalzell, bailze, Henrie Elder; Dundy, William Goldman, bailze; Aberdein, Alexander Jaffray, bailze; Glasgow, Thomas Mwre, bailze; Sanctandrois, Androw Wattsoun, merchand; Dysart, Dauid Symsoun younger, baillie; Sterling, Iohne Scherer, bailze; Lynlithgow, Robert Ker, clerk; Air, Iohne Oisburne, merchand; Hadingtoun, Harie Cokburne, bailze; Kirkcaldy, George Hay, merchand; Munros, (*blank*); Cowper, (*blank*); Anstruther

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Eister, Iohne Anstruther, clerk ; Dumfreis, Iohne Corsaue, bailze ; Innernes, Iohne Forbes, merchand ; Breichin, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Dundy ; Irewyn, Thomas Boyid, prowest ; Elgyne, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Dundy ; Jedbrugh, Robert Ray, thesaurer ; Kirkcudbricht, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Air ; Wigtoun, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Air ; Pittinweyme, Thomas Dischingtoun, bailze ; Dumferling, Iames Reid, deyne of gild ; Dumbartane, Thomas Fullisdaill, Iohn Sempill of Corruith ; Renfrow, William Somerwell, clerk ; Lanerik, Robert Lockhart, merchand ; Arbrothe, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Dundy ; Brunteland, Maister Androw Wilsoun, clerk ; Peblis, Iohne Diksoun, bailze ; Craill, William Bowsey, bailze ; Kinghorne, Iames Bosuell, bailze ; Thayne, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Dundy ; Selkirk, (*blank*) ; Anstruther Wester, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Eister ; Culross, Iohnne Forrett, clerk ; Dumbar, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Hadingtoun ; Banff, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Aberdein ; Quhithorne, (*blank*) ; Forfar, (*blank*) ; Rossay, Mathow Spens ; Forres, (*blank*) ; Ruglein, Iohnne Rydell ; Northeberuik, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Hadingtoun ; Culane, (*blank*) ; Nayrne, (*blank*) ; Lawder, be thair exemptioun and na ratefecatioun producit be Hadingtoun ; Innerkeything, George Durie, clerk ; Kilrany, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Anstruther Eister ; Sanquhar, be thair exemptioun and ratefacatioun producit be Air ; Annand, (*blank*) ; Lochemaben, (*blank*).

Moderatour.

The samyn day, electis, creatis, and constitutis Thomas Fallisdaill, ane of the bailzes of this brugh first in the commissioun, thair moderatour during this conwentioun, quha acceptit the samyn and gaife his aith in *communi forma.*

Conventioun.

The samyn day, appointis the houris of thair conwentioun to be fra aucht houris in the morneing quhill tuelf, and fra tua houris quhill sex, and the absentis efter ringing the bell and calling of the rollis to pay ane vnlaw of x s., and that nane speik without licence of the moderatour, nather mixt ressoneing with woitting vnder the said pane.

Citatioun.

1. The samyn day, Thomas Fallisdaill, commissioner for this brugh and in name of the maiestratis thairof, weryfeit the laufull citatioun of the

haill burrowis to this present conventioun be delyuerance of the generall missiue as vse is, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis. DUMBARTON, 1st July 1607.

2. Decernis the brughis of Munros, Cowper, and ilk ane of them in ane vnlaw of tuentie pundis for absence fra this conwentioun, being laufulle warneit thairto, quhilk thai ordane Iohn Nisbett to vplift to his awin vse. Burrowis, vnlawet,

3. The samyn day, ordanis that it be ane heid of the next missiue, as of before, that thair commissioner quha salbe direct to the next conwentioun be ane man of the trew religioun presentle professit and allowit be the lawis of this realm, and that his commissioun beir expres testificatioun thairof according to the actis of burrowis maid thairanent, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li. Religioun. Missiue.

4. The samyn day, ordanis ilk brugh, as of before, to schaw and produce to the nixt generall conwentioun thair exact delegens in wrytt in restraynning and pvnisching of vnfre trafficqueris, sailleris without tickets, regratouris and foirstalleris, and vnfremen within thair liberteis vsurpeand the libertie of thair brugh, and of depryueing of thair outlandis burgessis, and gif vp the nameis of the offendaris and placeis quhair thai duell, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Regratouris, vnfremen. Missiue.

5. The samyn day, comperit William Somerwell, commissioner for Renfrow, and for verificatioun of thair delegens aganis vnfre tredderis, regratouris and foirstalleris and outlandis burgessis, and producit the copy of ane lettre of suspensioun raissit be Iames Hovstoun in Kilmacolm, Hector Hatrig thair, Iohn Maxwell thair, William Cuik thair, Alexander Home thair, Iames Snype thair, Iames Galbrayth in Grenok, Robert Galbraith thair, Elber Makture thair, William Symsoun thair, and siclyk producit letreres of horneine aganis (*blank*) ; with the quhilkis the saidis commissioneris being awyssit, ordanis the said brugh of Renfrow to prosecute the samyn and reporte thair delegens to the nixt conventioun aganis the saidis persounis and all vtheris within thair boundis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li. ; attour ordanis the said brugh of consent of thair commissioner to cause call in Robert Fynity, merchand, quhame thai haue laitle maid thair burges to mak his residence within thair brugh betuixt and Mychalmes nixt, vtherwys to discharge him of his liberty, and this to be ane heid of the next missiue. Renfrow. Missiue.

6. The samyn day, findis the brugh of Kirkcudbricht to haue schawin na sufficient delegens be them selffis nor na vtheris in thair name in restrayn- Kirkcudbricht vnlawit: Missiue.

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ing and pvnisching of regratouris, foirstalleris, outlandis burgessis, and vnfre tredderis within thair boundis, mentionat in the generall missiue and nynt act of the last conwentioun, and that Iames Wynraham, agent declairit he haid offerit in Edinbrugh to Thomas Hall, quha was thair commissioner at the last conventioun haldin at Dundy, the lettres of horneing and captioun mentionat in the said act quhilk he refussit, and thairfoir decernis thame in ane vnlaw of ane hundrethe pundis; and ordanis the said brugh, zitt as of before, to compeir be thair commissioner to the nixt conwentioun, notwithstanding thair exemptioun, and produce forder delegens vpon the saidis lettres of horneing and captioun, as alsua to reporte forder delegens aganis Nyneane Mwre, Iohnne Alexander Makdowgall, Iames Edzear, Iohn Braidzett, Androw Braidzett, (*blank*) Heroun in Manygof, Iohn Makulloch, Iohn Johnstoun, Iames Gordoun, Iohn Inglis at Dandrenan, Iohn Inglis at Tongland, (*blank*) Mwre at the ferrie of (*blank*), thair outlandis burgessis and vnfre tredderis within thair boundis, vnder the said pane, and this to be ane heid of the next missiue.

Wigtoun. Missiue. Agent.

7. The samyn day, Iohne Oisburne commissioner for the brugh of Air in name of the brugh of Wigtoun, for verificatioun of thair delegens aganis vnfre tredderis mentionat in the missiue and xiiij act of the last conwentioun, producit lettres of captioun execute aganis the schref of Galloway for taking and apprehending of certane persounis thairin mentionat quha ar denuncit, and the saidis lettres of captioun onle execute for the first chairge in Junij last albeit the lettre was raissit in Junij 1606; with the quhilkis the saidis burrowis being adwysset, findis the samyn na sufficient delegens, and thairfoir decernis thame in ane vnlaw of ane hundrethe pundis, and ordanis thame to compeir to the nixt conwentioun, nochtwithstanding of thair exemptioun, be thair commissioner, and bring and produce with thame forder delegens aganis the saidis rebellis and schreff, and all vtheris regratouris, foirstalleris, vnfremen, and outlandis burgessis, vnder the said pane; and ordanis James Wynraham, agent, to send them the extract of this present ordenance that thai pretend na ignorance; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Dumfries. Missiue.

8. The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Dumfries, zitt as of before, to rais lettres of captioun vpoun the lettres of horneing execut aganis the foirstalleris and regratouris mentionat thairin and put the samyn to forder executioun, and reporte thair delegens thairvpoun to the nixt conventioun

vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li. ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. DUMBARTON, 1st July 1607.

9. The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Lanerik to insist in prosecuting the lettres of suspensioun raissit be the vnfre trafficqueris mentionat thairin, and reporte thair delegens to the nixt conventioun thairvpon vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li. ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Lanerk. Missiue.

10. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris fyndis themselffis thair estait and brughis havelie preiudgeit be the inhabitantis of the brughs of barronyis, quha passis throw the haill realm takand vpoun thame nocht onle the tred of countrey wairis bot als the keipping and selling of all forane merchandrice, pretending sum cullorit richtis thairto be lang owirsicht and be thair new purchest erectiouns, quhairvpoun thair is dyuerssis actiouns depending before the Lords of Counsale betuixt sundre fre burrowis and thame, thairfoir the saidis commissioneris hes desyrit and ordanit the present commissioneris of the brughis of Edinbrugh, Dundy, Aberdein, and Hadingtoun, at thair hameganging, to pas to my Lord Clerk of Register and all vther persounis neidfull, to trauell with his lordschip and thame for collecting and setting down in writt of the heidis of difference betuixt the liberteis of ane fre Brugh Royal and ane Brugh of Baronie, conforme to the lawis of the realm, actis of Parliament and of the Maiestie, consuetude and practise thairof, and richtis and infeftementis of burrowis and decreit of the Lords of Sessioun gif any be followand thairvpoun, quhilk beand anis done thay ordane the brugh of Edinbrugh to ressaue the saidis heidis and tak the adwyse of the laweiris thairanent ; and thairefter Iames Wynraham, agent, be adwise of the brugh of Edinbrugh to wrytt to the brughis of Perthe, Dundy, Aberdene, Glasgow, Irewin, Hadingtoun, Lynlythgow, Peblis, Iedbrugh, Sterling, Renfrow, Kirkcaldy, Dysart, desyring thame to meitt be thair commissioneris at the brugh of Edinbrugh at sic tyme as thai sall fynd expedient, and thair to entreatt adwyse and consult vpoun the saidis heidis for obteneing sua mony of thame as salbe fund profitabill for the weill of burrowis ather ratyfeit in parliament, or ellis ane declaratour thairvpoun before the Lordis of Sessioun for decyding of the saidis contrauerseis ; quhairanent thai gif thair full powir and commissioun to the saidis brughis or maist pairt of thame that sall conwene, with powir to vnlaw the burrowis warneit and nocht conueneand ; and the satisfactioun of the Clerk Commissio. Brughs of Baroneis.

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of Register, laweiris and writteris, to be vpoun the expenssis of the burrowis, quhilk thai ordane the agent to deburse be directioun of Edinbrugh, and the samyn salbe allowit to him, and gif neid beis to borrow soumeis to that effect, and the burrowis conwenand to be vpoun thair awin expenssis.

Selkirk.

11. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun gewin in to the saidis commissioneris in name and behalf of the brugh of Selkirk, lamenting thair pouertie and estait throw the intollerable oppressing thir mony zeiris bygane thai haue sustenit of thame quha duellis about thame in violentlie withhalding thair rentis and commoun landis, quhilk thai now of lait intending vpoun occasion of this publict peace to redeme thame selffis be recouerie of thame out of the vniust possessoris handis, lyk as thai haue presentle actiounis depending before the Lords of Sessioun, and thairfoir desyring the concurrence and assistance of the burrowis ; as lykwayis thay being depauperat alreddy and superexpendit in thair commoun thesaurie, haifing contractit grit dett thairvpoun, that the burrowis wald adwance thame sum soume of money for obteneing of ane decisioun of thair said actiouneis ; and last, that the commissioneris of burrowis micht be ie witnessis of thais fair lairge landis quhilk it hes plesit God and the nobill princes of this kingdom to bestow vpoun thame and thair predecessouris, that it wald please them to appoint thair nixt conventioun to be haldin at thair brugh of Selkirk ; with the quhilk the saidis commissioneris being adwyssit thay desyre the brugh of Edinbrugh with sic vtheris burrowis as salbe thair to concur and assist with the said brugh in name of the haill burrowis in thair said actiounis before the Lordis, and forder ordanis thair said brugh to be put in lyte the tyme of the nominating of the place of thair nixt conwentioun.

Secundo Iulij j^{m} vj^{c} vij^{o}.

Flescheris of Edinbrugh contra Lynlithgow, Sterling, Innerkething.

12. The samyn day, anent the 17 act of the last conwentioun mentionat in the generall missiue, concerning the complaint of the deykin and bretherein of the fleschouris craft of Edinbrugh aganis the brughis of Sterling, Lynlithgow, and Innerkeything, and thair customeris, for taking custome of thair guidis for cuming throw thair said brugh, albeit thai mak na merkett in bying and selling, conforme to the said act, Iohne Dauidsoun deykin of

the said craft being present, and Iohn Scherer for Sterling, Robert Ker for Lynlithgow, George Durie for Innerkeything, being lykwyis present, thair ressounis hard and considerit, and thairwith being ryple adwyssit, decernis and ordanis the said brugh of Sterling, of consent of thair said commissioner, to decist and cease of all vptaking and ressaueing of the said custome in maner foirsaid; and siclyk decernis and ordanis the said brughis of Lynlithgow and Innerkeything to decist and ceas fra all vplifting of the said customis in maner foirsaid, ay and quhill thai produce thair rychtis gif thai ony haue, and the pairty laufulle warnit to the samyn, and this but preiudice to the brughis of Sterling and Lynlithgow of thair penny customis att thair brigis during the tyme of thair gift, and this becaus the saidis commissioneris schew na caus in the contrair; and the commissioner of Lynlihgow disasentit heirto and protestit for remeid of law. Dumbarton. 2d and 3d July 1607.

13. The samyn day, findis and decernis the brughis of Rossay and Quhithorn and ilk ane of thame in ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis, for nocht payment of the soumeis awand be thame to Iohn Nisbett, mentionat in the generall missiue. Rosay, Quhithorne, vnlawit

Tertio Iulij j^{m} vj^{c} vij^{o}

14. The quhilk day, anent the 13 act of the particular conventioun of burrowis haldin at the brugh of Brunteland in August last, mentionat in the generall missiue, craweing help to thair herbere and augmentatioun of thair ankerage, the saidis commissioneris efter lang ressouning thairvpoun contenewis thair ansuer thairto to the nixt generall conwentioun, ordaneing the said brugh to bring and produce be thair commissioner thair richt of infeftment quhairby thai alege thai haue als grit preuelege and liberty grantit to them as ony vtheris his majestes fre burrowis; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Brunt Iland. Missiue.

15. The samyn day, anent the 12 act of the last conwentioun, mentionat in the generall missiue, concerning the payment to the brugh of Irewin of the soume of fyve hundrethe threscoir merkis grantit be the burrowis to them for prosecuting of thair actioun aganis vnfre tredderis, and quhairby ilk brugh ar ordanit to bring and produce thair pairtis thairof, and efter lang ressoneing thairvpoun ordanis, zitt as of before, ilk brugh to direct with Irewyne. Missiue.

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thair commissioner thair pairtis to the nixt conwentioun according to the extent roll, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue ; becaus thai haif thair delegens sen the last conventioun.

Peblis, Dumfreis. Missiue.

16. The samyn day, ordanis, zitt as of before, that it be ane heid of the nixt missiue, concerning the brughis of Peblis and Dumfreis craifeand supporte to the help of thair brugh and inhabitantis quhilk war brunt with fyre, and the said brugh off Dumfreis for reparatioun of thair brig habill to decay without tymeous remeid.

Exemptio. Innernes.

17. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris hes exemit and exemis the brugh of Innernes fra all conventiounis generall for the space of thre zeiris besouth Tay, prouyding thai send to ilk conventioun generall with the commissioner of the nixt brugh nocht exemit thair autentik lettre of ratefecatioun of all thingis to be done in the said conwentioun, togedder with all soumeis of money that salbe fund awand to the burrowis for clerk and agent feyis or ony vther caus, vtherwayis to be vnlawit as absentis ; and that the expenses quhilk thair commissioner micht haue cost them be bestowit vpoun brigis, tolbuithis, kirkis, or ony vther maist necessar commoun warkis, and compt to be given to the burrowis thairof at the end of the said exemptioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.

Statute. Missiue.

18. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris, vnderstanding that thair ar dyuerssis burgessis of fre burrowis quha passes outwith the liberty of the brugh to vnfre pairtis as landwart kirkis and clachen tounis, quhair thai hald buithis in selling of stapill wairis and all soirtis of merchandrice, and leweis the samyn behynd them to be sauld be vnfremen, quhilk is verray hurtfull and preiudiciall to the liberty of fre burrowis and the burgessis thairof quha copis and sellis thair wairis within the brugh ; for remeid thairof it is statute and ordanit that the magistratis of ilk brugh, quhometo the samyn properle concernis and quhair the saidis burgessis duellis, restrayne, stop, and impeid the doaris thairof, vnlaw and amerciat ilk ane of them in ane vnlaw of xl li., *totijs quotijs*, to be applyit to the commoun warkis of the brugh quhair the said burges duellis, and ilk brugh according as thai try and pvnish the offendaris to reporte thair delegence thairvpoun to the nixt conventioun ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Culane vnlawit. Chairge Agent.

19. The samyn day, findis the brugh of Culane to haue incurrit the pane and vnlaw of tuenty pundis for nocht compeirand to this conventioun

being laufulle wairnit thairto, quhilk thai ordane thair agent to vplift, and tuenty pundis for nocht payment of the clerk and agent feyis, quhairwith he is to be chairgit in his comptis. DUMBARTON, 3d July 1607.

20. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun of the brugh of Craill craifeing supporte for helpeing the ruife of thair kirk, thair herbere and bulwark, with the biging of thair tolbuith, remitis the samyn to the nixt conventioun of burrowis, ordaneing ilk brugh to cum instructit, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Craill. Missiue.

21. The samyn day, vnderstanding the brugh of Ruglen to haue bene vesetet with the pestelence in Iulij 1605, quhairby thai war nocht habill nor micht furneis ane commissioner to the conwentioun haldin at Dumfreis quhair thai war vnlawit as absentis in xx li., and quhilk thai haue payit to the agent; thairfoir ordanis the agent of the reddiest vnlawis he hes vpliftit or sall vplift at this conventioun to pay to the said brugh of Ruglen the said xx li., and the samyn salbe allowit to him in his comptis. Precept. Agent Ruglene.

22. The samyn day, anent the supplicatiounis of the brughis of Anstruther Eister and Innerkeything craweing helpe and supporte for reparatioun of thair herbereis, the commissioneris efter ressoneing thairvpoun remitis the samyn to the nixt generall conventioun, ordaneing ilk commissioner to compeir instructit to gif ansuer thairto, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Anstruther Eister. Innerkething. Missiue.

23. The samyn day, anent the supplicatiounis of the brugh of Lynlithgow aganis the brughis of Edinburgh and Dumbar, viz., the said brugh of Edinbrugh for taking custome of thair burgessis at thair portis and Leith, and the brugh of Dumbar for exacting of gritter dewteis of thair burgessis nor of the burgessis of vtheris burrowis the tyme of the tak of hering; the saidis commissioneris contenewis the decisioun of the saidis complaintis to the nixt conwentioun, ordaneing the saidis brughis to cum sufficientle instructit to ansuer thairto, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Lynlythgow contra Edinbrugh, Dumbar. Missiue.

24. The samyn day, it was complenit be the commissioner of the brugh of Aberdein that Iohne Fynlasoun, merchand, burges of Dundy, and dyuerssis vtheris that treddis with the bying of salmond in the north, markis thair salmond bindis with ane counterfute byrning yrne of the byrne and mark of the brugh of Aberdein, ordanis the brugh of Dundy to caus warne the said Iohne to compeir before the commissioneris of burrowis in thair nixt generall conwentioun to ansuer to the said complaint, with cer- Abirdene contra Fynlawsoun. Missiue.

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tefecatioun and he failze thai will proceid, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Fairis and Merkettis. Missiue.

25. The samyn day, ordanis it to be ane heid of the nixt missiue that ilk commissioner cum instructit to the nixt conwentioun for taking ordor with sic as cumis to fairis and publict merkettis and byis thair wairis before the merkett be proclamit or before the geir be conwenit.

Brysoun, Hall, contra Renfrow. Glasgow. Missiue.

26. The samyn day, anent the complaint of George Brysoun and George Hall burgessis of Renfrow aganis the brugh of Glasgow, for trubling and molesting of the saidis persounis in bying of merchandrice within thair awin brugh and herbere thairof and for vnlawing of thame and thair souerteis, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said complaint; the saidis commissioneris remitis the decisioun of the said mater to the nixt generall conventioun, ordaneing the said brugh to cum instructit to ansuer thairto, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Muntrose, Iedbrugh, vnlawit. Nisbett.

27. The samyn day, decernis the brughis of Mwnros and Iedbrugh and ilk ane of them in ane vnlaw of xx li., for nocht payment to Iohne Nisbett of thair pairtis of the soume of saxtene hundrethe merkis mentionat in the generall missiue, quhilk thai ordane the said Iohn to vplift to his awin vse.

Dumbartane, support. Missiue.

28. The samyn day, anent the [23] act of the last conventioun at Dundy and heidis of the missiue, concerning the supporte of this present brugh of Dumbartane for defence of thair toun aganis the iminent dainger of innvndatioun of the Watter of Lewin, the saidis commissioneris beand in ressoneing thairvpoun, compeirit ane nobill and potent Lord, Iames, Erle of Glencarne, and producit ane commissioun gevin to his lordschip be the kingis maieste to trauell for helpeing and supporting of the said brugh, as also producit ane missiue lettre direct be his majeste to this present conventioun recomending the estait of the said brugh to thair fauorabill consideratioun, as the said lettre of the daitt at Greinwiche the ij Iunij last proportis; as alsua the commissioner of the said brugh of Dumbartane producit dyuerssis writis and lettres of his majeste to the parliamente and counsale concerning the said mater; with the quhilkis the saidis commissioneris presentle conwenit beand adwyssit, and efter inspectioun tane be them of the said brugh and estait thairof and of the cours of the Watter of Lewen, thai be thir presentis findis and declairis the said brugh to be in grit dainger, distructioun, and inundatioun of the said watter, quhilk hes

alreddy owerflowit sundre pairtis of thair landis and toun and leweis the auld cours, be the quhilk the necessitte of the supporte of the said brugh is gritter than thai luikit for, sua that the expenssis to be maid for eschewing of that immenent perrell will amount to gritter soumeis and chairgis than the saidis commissioneris haid powir and commissioun of thair brughis to grant; and thairfoir thai ordane that ilk brugh sall send thair commissioneris sufficientle instructit to the nixt generall conwentioun and resolue quhat soumeis or supporte thai will grant to the releif of the said brugh, and ane schorte day appointit for payment thairof, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue; and, gif thair sall interweyne ane parliament in the meintyme, thay ordane that ilk commissioner presentle conwenit aduerteis thair brughis to send thair commissioner sufficientle instructit hereanent as gif it war ane generall conventioun, for supporte of the said brugh according to the necessite thairof and the habilitie of the burrowis; and ordanis ilk brugh to tak the extract of this act presentle to be schawin to thair brugh for thair better informatioun hereintill, and ordanis ane missiue bill be direct to his majestie bering thair ansuer to the said lettre.

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29. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Dumfreis aganis the brugh of Wigtoun, for taking custome of the nichtbouris of the said brugh of Dumfreis thai haueing na rycht to vplift the samyn, contenewis the decisioun thairof to the nixt generall conventioun, and ordanis it to be ane heid of the missiue.

Dumfreis contra Wigtoun. Missiue.

30. The samyn day, anent the writis brocht hame be Thomas Fischer and William Speir, concerning the liberteis of the natioun, ordanis the brugh of Edinbrugh, in quhais handis the samyn ar, delyuer thame to thair generall clerk to be registrat in this thair conventioun buik, and he to mak reporte of his delegence to the nixt conventioun, and the burrowis promitis to satisfe him for his panis; and the said Thomas Fischer and William Speir promitis that sic writis as thai haue nocht zit delyuerit thay sall delyuer the samyn at thair hamecumming to the generall clerk.

Fyscheir, Speir, writis, Guthrie.

31. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun of the brugh of Dysart and Kirkcaldy, craveing ane new impost for reparatioun of thair herbere and schore, the saidis commissioneris contenewis thair ansuer thairto to the nixt conventioun, ordaneing the saidis brughis to produce thair last giftis to be sene and considerit gif thai be expyrit or nocht; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Dysart, Kirkcaldy. Missiue.

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Quarto Iulij 1607.

Agent. Sanctandrois, Peblis.

32. The quhilk day, vnderstanding the burrowis in the conventioun haldin at Dundy in Iulij 1606 remitit to the brugh of Sanctandrois the soume of xx li. and to the brugh of Peblis ten li., quhilk thai incurrit at the conventioun haldin at Dumfreis, and quhilkis vnlawis war assignit be the said conventioun to Iames Wynraham, agent, thairfoir ordanis the saidis soumeis to be payit agane to the said Iames of the reddiest vnlawis to be vpliftit be him ather in tymeis past or in tymeis cumming, and he to pay him selff.

Jadges, mesouris, salmont, hering, Dumbartane, Renfrow, missiue.

33. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris haiffing red and consideritt certane particular actis maid and sett be certane burrowis in the west cuntrey, quhilkis ar registrat in thair conwentioun buik in the conwentioun haldin at Brunteland in Iulij 1597, and siclyk the xxj act of the generall conwentioun of burrowis haldin at Glasgow in Iulij 1598, anent the jadgeis and mesouris standart, and byrning of salmond and hering and anent the sufficient packing thairof, ratyfeis and approwis the samyn, ordaneing ilk brugh quhome to the samyn properle apertenis tak the extract of the saidis actis and conforme thame selffis thairto; and forder that ilk commissioner be instructit to gif thair adwyse and counsale anent the making of thair barrell of salmond conforme to the mesour of Aberdein, and the mesour of thair barrell of hering conforme to Leith; and forder that the brughis of Glasgow, Dumbartane, Renfrow, caus put the act of burrowis to dew executioun maid at Air 1602, anent the clenseing of the watter of Clyid and pvnisching of the persouns quha polutis and defylis the samyn be deid careounis, bukeis, and sic vther filthe, hurtfull to the fischeing, and reporte thair delegens thairvpoun to the nixt conventioun; and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Glasgow, wechts. Missiue.

34. The quhilk day, ordanis the brugh of Glasgow to conforme thair trone weyt to the weytis of Lanerik, and thair tros wecht according to the Frenche weycht, and the said brugh be thair commissioner to reporte thair delegence thairvpoun to the nixt conwentioun; and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Commissio Edinbrugh. Counsallado.

35. The samyn day, gewis powir and commissioun to the brugh of Edinbrugh and the burrowis vpoun the coist syd to meitt and tak ordor

anent the Counsallado in Spayne for appointing ane discreitt man thairto, gif thai fynd it expedient, quhairanentis the present commissioneris promitis to hald firme and stable. DUMBARTON, 4th July 1607.

36. The quhilk day, in presence of the commissioneris foirsaid compeirit Thomas Fischer and William Speir, merchandis, burgessis of Edinbrugh, quha war directit tua seuerall tymeis to the pairtis of Ingland and France in certane the effairis of thair estait in the mater of the Vnion, and referrit them selffis in the will of the saidis commissioneris anent the modyficatioun and payment of the soumeis awand to them and contenit in thair tua seuerall comptis of thair expenssis and trauell the said journayis, extending to the soume of tua thowsand aucht hundrethe lxiiij li. xiij s. iiij d., and remitit all vther allowanceis grantit and comptis futit or to be futit thairanent; and thairfoir the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, haifand considerit the comptis foirsaid, they confes the saidis burrowis to be restand awand to the saidis persounis the soume of tua thowsand sevin hundrethe pundis vsuale money of this realm, in full contentatioun and satisfactioun of thair expenssis, painis, trauellis and comptis foirsaid, and of all vther thingis that thai may craife of the burrowis for ony caus bygane, and bindis and oblissis them and thair saidis brughis to mak guid and thankfull payment to the said Thomas Fischer and William Speir or ony of thame of the said soume, ilk brugh for thair awin pairt according to the extent roll of burrowis, betuixt this and the nixt conwentioun generall, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li. to be payit be ilk brugh that failzeis in payment at the said day to the saidis persounis, togidder with thair principall soume in name of damnage and entrest, and ordanis ilk brugh to bring and produce to the said nixt conwentioun thair pairtis of the said soume vnder the said pane; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Fyscheir. Speir. Missiue.

Thomas Fyscher. Williame Speir.

37. The samyn day, findis thatt all the burrowis of this realm aucht and sould mak thair forme of electioun of thair magistratis and counsale conforme to the actis of parliamentis and burrowis, and thairfoir ordanis the brugh of Dumbartane produce to the nixt generall conwentioun the maner and forme of thair electioun of the magistratis and counsall presentle vsit be thame, to be sene and considerit be the saidis burrowis giff the samyn be conforme to the saidis actis, to the effect the burrowis may tak ordour Dumbartane. Magistratis. Missiue.

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thairinto and sie that the samyn be conform to the saidis actis; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue, vnder the pane of j^c li.

Wynrahame, agent, comptis.

38. The samyn day, haiffing red and considerit the comptis of Iames Wynrahame, thair agent, of the soumeis deburssit be him for the burrowis sen the last comptis at Dumfreis, findis the burrowis restis awand to the said Iames, *de claro,* the soume of fyve hundrethe fourty foure pundis sex schillingis aucht penneis, and for the said Iames payment ordanis him to collect and inbring the vnlawis or vtherways be taxt casualitte thatt sall happin first to occur.

Agent. Dumbar. Missiue.

39. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the agent aganis the brugh of Dumbar, for suffering of vnfremen to pak and peall within thair boundis and taking of dewteis thairfoir, contrair to the tenor of the act maid at , and thairfoir ordanis the said brugh to be warnitt to the nixt conwentioun to ansuer to the said complaint, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of j^c li.

Nixt conventioun.

40. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris desertis and dissoluis this present conventioun, and appointis thair nixt generall conventioun to be haldin at the brugh of Selkirk the first Tyesday in Iulij nixt, being the fyft day of Iulij 1608, with contenewatioun of dayis, ordaneing the agent to mak the said brugh aduertisset to the effect missiueis may be direct in dew tyme.

Thomas Fallusdaill, moderatour.
W. Goldman for Dondie.
Alexander Iaffray for Aberden.
Thomas Mure for Glasgow.
Dauid Symsone for Dysarrt.
Ro. Ker for Linlithgow.
Iohne Osburne for Ayr.
William Bowsey.
Iames Boiswill.
Iohne Corsaue.
An. Wilsoun.
Iames Reid for Dumferling.
Thomas Boyd for Irving.
G. Durie for Innerkething.
Robert Lokhart for Lanrik.
Alexander Peirsoun for Edinbrugh.
George Foulis for Edinbrugh.
Gauin Dalzell for Perthe.
Henrie Elder, clerk.
Sanctandrois, Andro Watsoun.
Sterling, Iohne Scherar.
H. Cokburne for Hadingtoun.
George Hay for Kirkcaldie.
I. Anstruther clerk for Anstruther.
Iohnne Forret for Culrois.
Ione Diksoune.
Thomas Dischingtoun.
I. Semple of Coruithe for Dumbartane.
W. Somervell for Renfrow.
M. Spens bailze of Rossey.

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Quarto Iulij j^m vj^c vij^o.

The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris haifing red and considerit the actis of the particular conventioun at Brunteland in August last, concerning my lord conseruator, they ratefe and approve the samyn in all points, and fynding my lord conseruator present with thame at this present conwentioun thay ordanit his lordschip to hald hand to the keiping of the saidis actis and all vther actis concerning the weill of thair estaitt; and anent the complaintis gewin in be dyuerssis merchandis, trafficqueris in the Law Cuntreyis, of the grit abuse vsit be William Wallas, Iacob Keyne, Ioannes Daman, William Wallace, and Baltalzer Meris, and sundre vtheris, in contraueneing of the saidis actis,—to wit, the said William Wallas in bying Scotis wairis to him self vnder cullour of his mother, and William Wallace and Ioannes Daman in bying Scotis wairis to the vse of Iacob Keyne, quhilk persouns are of before dischargit, and the said Baltezeur Meris in bying of Scotis wairis to the merchandis of Holand be commissioun, to the grit hurt of the natioun and stopping of the merchandis to cum to the merkett, contrair the saidis actis; and forder the saidis commissioneris dischargis the merchandis of the natioun of selling of ony wairis to the said William Wallas mother because sche sellis the samyn owir agane to thair preiudice, and thairfoir ordanis his lordschip to caus put the burrowis actis to executioun, quhairof the ane half [of the penalties] to him selff and the vther half to the burrowis, quhairby thair nichtbouris haue na occasioun to complene, quhilk his lordschip promeist to do, and he to be comptable for the burrowis halff. Conseruator.

The samyn day, it was proponit be sundre of the commissioneris thatt war present at this conventioun that it was hewele lamentit be the factouris of Campheir of the want of ane minister thair, as the Inglishe, Frenche, and vther natiouns haife; and it was schawin lykwayis that the Scotis factouris in Campheir war content to beir the half burding of his intertenement and stipend, with the quhilk the saidis commissioneris being adwyssit thay ordane ilk brugh to send thair commissioneris sufficiently instructit to the nixt conventioun for provdying of ane minister and his stipend; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Minister at Campher. Missiue.

EDINBURGH, 29th July and 5th August 1607.

In the Particular Conventioun of Burrowis, haldin at the brugh of Edinbrugh the tyme of this present Parliament, be the Commissioneris vndersubscryuand, the xxix day of Iulij j^m sex hundrethe and sevin zeirs:

EDINBRUGH, Iohn Robertsoun, deyne of gild, George Heriott, elder; Perthe, Iames Adamesoun, deyne of gild; Dundy, Maister Alexander Wedderburne, clerk; Aberdein, Alexander Rutherfuird; Glasgow, Iames Forrett; Sterling, Iohn Scherer, bailze; Air, Iohn Lockhart; Brunteland, Patrik Greiff; Lynlithgow, Robert Ker, clerk; Dumbar, Maister Edward Aikyne; Dumbartane, Thomas Fallisdaill, bailze; Dysart, Dauid Symsoun younger, bailze; Lawder, Chairlis Lawder; Kirkcaldy, Iohne Lowden; Renfrow, Iohnne Knok; Hadingtoun, Harie Cokburne, bailze; Craill, Iohn Makesoun, clerk; Irewin, Archbald George, provest; Sanctandrois, Maister William Russell; Anstruther Eister, Iohn Anstruther, clerk; Lanerik, Dauid Blair; Peblis, Hector Cranstoun; Iedbrugh, Maister Iohn Rutherfurd; Innerkeything, Harie Swyntoun; Anstruther Wester, (*blank*).

Quinto Augusti j^m sex hundrethe sevin.

Precept, agent.

The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris, haifing presentle to do in thair effairis in parliament, thairfoir ordanis Iames Wynrahame, thair agent, to borrow the soume of ane hundrethe pundis vpoun proffeit, and to be imployit be him vpoun compt and rekning to the saidis burrowis, quhilk, with the soume of fyve hundrethe fourty foure pundis sex s. aucht penneis, restand awand to him be the burrowis at the conventioun in Dumbartane haldin in Iulij last, thay bynd and oblissis the haill burrowis of this realm and inhabitantis thairof to pay to him the saidis soumeis according to the taxt roll, with the payment of his majesteis taxatioun at the first day of Februar nixtocum, and consentis that lettres be direct thairvpoun at the instance of

the said Iames agains all the saidis burrowis, conforme to the taxt roll, vpon ane semple chairge of ten dayis allanerle, EDINBURGH, 5th, 11th August 1607.

Iames Adamsone.	Iohne Robertson.
Mr. A. Wedderburn.	Alexander Rutherfurd.
J. Forrett.	Mr Wm. Russell.
George Bruce.	Thomas Fallusdaill.
Iohne Makesone.	Charles Lawder.
Archibauld George.	Thomas Lauder.
I. Anstruther.	Ro. Ker for Lynlithgow.
George Cumming for Innernes.	Hector Douglas, commissioner for Tayne.

xj° Augusti j^m vj^c vij°.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowis presentlie convenit statutis and ordanis that it sall be ane heid of the nixt missiue of the generall conventioun for imposing ane vnlaw vpoun the burrowis that cummis nocht to the parliamentis, and als vpoun thame that cummis and depairtis before the dissoluing thairof. Parliaments, Missiue.

The samyn day, vnderstanding that the estaits of this present parliament hes grantit to the brugh of Dumbartane taxatioun of twenty fyve thowsand merkis for preseruation of that brugh fra the invndatioun of the water of Levin, and hes appointed the burrowis and sic as thai sall depute to be collectouris thairof; thairfor the saidis commissioneris maks and constitutes Iames Wynraham, agent, to be collector of the said extent for the pairt of the burrowis, and Thomas Fallisdaill and Ihonn Sempill, present commissioneris for the said brugh, to be collectouris deput for the rest of the said extent, according to the said act, thay fyndand cautioun for doing thair dewty in collecting thairof; and for compt and rekning to be maid to the said burrowis of the samyn, and lykwayis for applying of the foirsaid soume to the vse abouewritten quhairvnto the samyn is destinat, conforme to the said act of parliament, be adwyse of the saidis burrowis; and, incais it sall please the kingis majeste of his liberalite to bestow forder soumeis for the furtherance of the said wark, that thai sall imploy the Dunbartane.

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samyn to the vse foirsaid be adwyse of the burrowis, and compt and rekning to be maid thairof; and ordanis Iames Wynrahame, agent, as he collectis and gettis in the saidis burrowis pairt to pay the samyn to the said Thomas Fallisdaill and Iohne Semple in name of the said brugh.

Agent. Parliament.

The samyn day, ordanis Iames Wynrahame, agent, to wrytt missiueis to the haill burrowis that thai direct sufficient discreit commissioneris to the nixt parliament, quhilk is the tent day of Maij nixt, for treating vpoun the effairis of thair estait, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of j^{c} li.

Iohne Robertsone.	George Heireot.
Iames Adamsoun.	Mr A. Wedderburn.
Mr Wm. Russell.	Iohne Makesone.
Eduard Aitkyn.	I. Forrete.
Thomas Lauder.	Iohnne Lokhart.
Ro. Ker.	Henrie Suyntoun.
Charles Lauder.	Thomas Fallusdaill.

Apud Selkirk, 5th July, 1608.

In the Generall Conwentioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Selkirk, be the Commissioneris of Burrowis thair convenit, the fyft day of Iulij j^{m} sex hundrethe aucht zeiris, Compeirit the Commissioneris vnderwrittin, and producit thair commissiounis in maner following:

EDINBURGH, Alexander Persoun, merchand, George Foulis, goldsmythe; Perthe, Henrie Eldar, clerk; Dundy, Patrik Lyn, merchand; Aberdein, Maister Alexander Culane, baillie; Glasgow, Iames Inglis, baillie; Sanctandrois, Androw Watsoun, merchand; Dysart, Dauid Symsoun, younger, merchand; Sterling, Doncane Patersoun, deyne of gild; Lynlithgow, Robert Ker, clerk; Air, George Cochrane, baillie; Hadingtoun, Harie Cockburne, baillie; Kirkcaldy, Alexander Law, merchand; Mwnros, William Barklay, merchand; Cowper, William Crystesoun, thair thesaurer;

Anstruther Eister, Iohne Anstruther, clerk; Dumfreis, Robert Richartsoun, merchand; Innernes, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun; Breichin, (*blank*); Irewin, Thomas Boyid, prowest; Elgyne, (*blank*); Iedbrugh, George Moscrope, bailze; Kirkcudbricht, William Makgie; Wigtoun, William Makie, bailze; Pittinweyme, Dauid Strang; Dumferling, Robert Phillin; Dumbartane, Thomas Fallisdaill; Renfrow, William Somerwell, clerk; Lanerik, Robert Lockhart; Arbrothe, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Edinbrugh; Brunteland, Maister Androw Wilsoun, clerk; Peblis, Iohnne Dickesoun; Carraill, Iohne Mackesoun, clerk; Kinghorne, Iames Boswell, younger; Thayne, (*blank*); Selkirk, Iames Scott, bailze, George Wod, clerk; Anstruther Wester, (*blank*); Culros, Iohne Forret, clerk; Dumbar, Maister Eduard Aitkyne; Banff, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Aberdein; Quhithorne, (*blank*); Forfar, Andrew Hunter, merchand; Rossay, (*blank*); Forres, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun; Ruglein, Androw Pinckartoun; Northeberuik, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Hadingtoun; Culane, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun; Nayrne, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun; Lawder, Alexander Williamsoun, younger; Innerkeything, George Durie, clerk; Kilrany, (*blank*); Sanquhar, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be (*blank*); Annand, Dauid Myller; Lochmaben, William Maxwell, bailze. SELKIRK, 5th July 1608.

1. The samyn day, electis, creatis, and constitutis Iames Scott, ane of the bailzies of this brugh, first in the commissioun, thair moderatour, during this conwentioun, quha compeirand acceptit the samyn and gaife his aith in *communi forma*. Moderatour

2. The samyn day, appointis the houris of thair conwentioun to be fra aucht houris in the morneing quhill tuelf houris and fra (*blank*) houris efternone to sex houris at evin; and the absentis efter ceissing of the bell and calling of the rollis to be vnlawit in ane vnlaw of vj s. viij d., and thatt nane speik without licence of the moderatour, nather mixt ressoneing with writting, vnder the said pane. Meittings.

3. The samyn day, Iames Scott, bailze, in name of the magistratis of this brugh, weryfeit the laufull citatioun of the haill burrowis to this present conwentioun be delyuering of the generall missiue as vse is, and thairvpon askit instrumentis. Citatioun

4. The samyn day, decernis the brughis of Breichin, Elgyne, Quhithorne,

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Breichin vnlawit. Chairge Agent.

and ilk ane of them, in ane vnlaw of xx li. for absence fra this present conwentioun, being laufulle warnit thairto, quhilk thai ordane Iames Wynraham agent to vplift, and he to be chairgit in his comptis.

Renfrow, Missiue.

5. The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Renfrow, zit as of before, prosequit thair actiounis and suspensiouns raissit betuixt them and certane vnfremen, regratouris and foirstalleris within thair liberteis, be chairgeing of the schrefe for taking and apprehending of the persounis denuncit and registrat, and reporte thair delegence thairvpoun to the nixt conwentioun vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Vnfre persouns, regratouris, foirstalleris. Missiue. Perthe, Dysart, Innerkeything. Missiue.

6. The samyn day, ordanis ilk brugh, zit as of before, schaw and produce to the nixt generall conwentioun thair exact delegens in wrytt in restrayning and pvnisching of vnfre traffiqueris, sailleris without ticketis, regrateris, foirstalleris and vnfremen within thair liberteis, vsurpeand the libertie of the brugh, and depryueing thair outlandis burgessis, and gif vp the nameis of the offendaris and placeis quhair thai duell, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and that the brughis of Perth, Dysart, Innerkeything, and Cowper, and ilk ane of thame, reporte thair delegens to the nixt conwentioun vnder the said pane in depryueing of William Andersoun, in Clakmanan, alegeit burges of Perthe, Iohnne Camy, thair, alegeit burges of Dysart, Androw Hudsoun, thair, alegeit burges of Innerkeything, Iohne and William Strawchanis in Lewin, alegeit burges of Cowper; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Wigtoun, Dumfreis.

7. The samyn day, comperit William Mackie, baillie and commissioner for the brugh of Wigtoun, and Robert Richartsoun commissioner for the brugh of Dumfreis, and for werificatioun of thair delegens aganis vnfre tredderis within thair boundis quhame of before thai had denuncit and registrat, declairit thai war now admitit and ressauit burgessis of thair brughis and resauit in thair societie conforme to thair actis of admissioun presentle producit, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis.

Kirkcudbricht, Wigtoun. Missiue.

8. The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Kirkcudbricht, betuixt and the last day of August nixt, rais lettres of captioun aganis the vnfre tredderis mentionat in the lettres of horneing producit be William Makgie thair commissioner, and reporte thair delegens to the nixt conwentioun in chairgeing of the schrefis and provest and bailleis in taking and apprehending of the saidis rebellis, and reporte thair delegens thairvpoun to the nixt conwen-

tioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundrethe pundis to be payit to the burrowis; and the brugh of Wigtoun to try and reporte gif thai tak ony dewtie of the vnfre tredderis duelland in Sanct Iohnis clachan; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. SELKIRK, 5th July 1608.

9. The samyn day, findis the brughis of Lanerik and Ruglein nocht to haue done sufficient delegens in calling of the lettres of suspensioun rayssit be vnfre trafficqueris mentionat in the nynt act of the last conwentioun; and thairfoir decernis them in ane vnlaw of xl li., and neuirtheles vpoun promeis of thair present commissioneris that thai sall prosecut the samyn, dispensis with the said vnlaw, and ordanis them, zitt as of before, to reporte thair forder delegens to the nixt conwentioun vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Lanerik, Ruglein. Missiue.

10. The samyn day, haifing red and considerit the 18 act of the last conwentioun haldin at Dumbartane, quhairby it is statute and ordanit that the magistratis of ilk brugh stop and impeid thair nichtbouris and burgessis in passing outwith the liberty of the brugh to vnfre pairtis as landward kirkis and clachan tounis, in keiping of buithis or selling of stapill waris, and leweing the samyn behynd them to be sauld be vnfremen; ratefeis and apprewis the samyn in all pointis, with this additioun, that ilk magistrat sall reporte thair delegens in pvnisching of thair nichtbouris, contrauenearis thairof, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li., to be payitt to the burrowis; and ordanis the brughis of Sanctandrois and Air to reporte thair delegens in trying and pvnisching of Maister Hew Mylis thair burges, in contraueneing of the said act be selling of his merchandrice at the Kirk of Cleische, and lykwyis Dauid Messen in selling at the kirk of Kettill, and Iohn Lewingstoun and Iames Makcadun burgessis of Air in selling of thair merchandrice at Sanct Iohnis Clachen; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Clachantounis merchandis, missiue. Sanctandrois, Air, missiue.

11. The samyn day, ordanis the brughis of Glasgow, Dumbartane and Renfrow to caus pen ane artickle to be gevin in to the nixt parliament for clenseing of the Watter of Clyid, and pvnisching of the persounis quha polutis and defylis the samyn be deid careouns, buckeis, and sic vther filthe, hurtfull to the fisheing. Dumbartane, Renfrow, Clyde Water.

12. The samyn day, Iames Inglis, commissioner for the brugh of Glasgow, producit ane testemoniall of the bailleis of Lanerik beiring thair ressait Glasgow, wechts.

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of the trone and trois weicht, mentionat in the 34 act of the last conwentioun haldin at Dumbartane, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis

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Rex. Drummound. Articles to the burrowis, Missiue.

13. The quhilk day, compeirit Sir Iohne Drummound of Hatherden, knicht, seruitour domestik to his maieste, and producit his maiesteis missiue lettre direct to this present conwentioun, quhairof the tennour followis: To our trustie and welbelouit the commissioneris of our Citeis and Burrowis of that our kingdom of Scotland, IAMES R: Trustie and welbelouit we gret zow weill. We haue directit the beirar herof, our trustie seruitour Sir Iohn Drummound, knicht, to wrge at this your meitting your resolutioun concerneing sum materis tending verray muche to your awin weill, credatt and reputatioun, according to our speciall instructionis gewin vnto him anent the samyn, and thairfoir we desyre you to consider thairof and by him to turn bak to us ane particular ansuer to euerie ane of the samyn, quhairin ye sall do us acceptable plessure and seruice; and sua we bid yow fairweill. From our Court at Quhythall the fyft May 1608. And siclyk producit certane instructiounis following, gewin to the said Sir Iohn, quhairof the tennour followis, sua far as concernis the saidis burrowis:

INSTRUCTIOUNIS to our trustie seruitour, Sir Iohn Drumound knicht, quhairanent vpoun his returne back from that our Kingdome of Scotland we do expect particular satisfactioun in euerie point of the samyn.

AND, FORASMUCHE as we vnderstand that yow haue buildeitt ane verray fair Inne for the commodious ressait of all passing within our brugh of Lynlithgow, and being desyrous that the lyk sould be buildit in all vther of our brughis and cetyis of that our kingdome, knawing non moir meitt than your selff to be imploytt as commissioner in suche a bussienes in regard ye haue begun suche a president in Lynlithgow, we are thairfoir to will you to attend the meitting of the Commissioneris of Burrowis quhilk wilbe in Iulij nixt, and thair to delyuer vnto thame this our vther lettre and to insist for ane resolute ansuer from them to euerie point thairof; as speciale, that in euerie brugh or citie in that our kingdome thair may be, according to the quantite thairof and frequencie of trauelleris, mo or fewar

inns build, according to thair appointment and discretioun, and these to be buildit so neir the forme here as thai may be, with all possibill easement and provisioun for man and horse; and als that thair may be signis hung at everie hous efter the forme of this kingdome. SELKIRK, 6th July 1608.

AND, in regard that the lying of the mwk and fewell in grit heapis and myddingis vpoun the hie streitis, or within ony vther place of our saidis brughis and cityis, is nocht only noysum to all strangeris and passengeris bothe in smell and sicht bott is daingerous also in tyme of plague, being a special nwrescher thairof, that thairfoir thai sould appoint the streitis of thair tounis to be keipit cleyne; as also that within thair grit cityis and tounis skaviengeris may be appointit, efter the forme vsit heir, for carying furth of these tounis all sort of filth, that so the cuntrey people attending us in our intendit journay thither the nixt zeir may nocht reproche the vncleynnes of the touns and cityis of thatt our kingdome; and als that all filthie beastis, such as swyne, be nocht sufferit to hant in the oppin streitis.

AND, becaus the habite and heid attyre of women, and speciale within the burrowis and cityis of that our kingdome, is no way comlie and decent, and the weiring of cloikis and plaids is altogidder skuffed at by all strangeris, being vtherwayis moir coistlie than the habiteis and garmentis vsit heir; that thairfoir the burrowis at this thair meitting wald consult vpoun ane decent, handsome, and comlie sorte of habite, apparrell, and heid attyre foir thair wemen, with distinctiounis of thre seuerall qualiteis; and that the samyn micht be appointit to be obseruit heirefter, thair being no doutt at all being onis begun in the city without ony expres directioun it wald sone anewche be followit in the cuntrey; and speciale thatt no wemen nor maydis draw ony wyne or aill, bott to be done by men and boyis, for awoyiding of all suspicioun of vther vncleyne behauiour and carriage. Quhytehall 5 May 1608. *Et sic subscribitur,* ALEXR. HAY.

Quhilkis heids and instructiounis being red and considerit be the saidis commissioneris, and thai being thairwith ryple awysit, thay rander his maieste thair humble, hertlie, and dewtefull thankis for haifing sic ane singular cair now in his maiesteis absence of thair thingis quhilk belongis to the honour of his maiesteis ancient kingdome, and in particulare to the weill and commoditie of the estait of Burrowis quhairof it become thame rather to haue bene the first mentioneris; praying thairfoir the Lord to increse his maiesteis dayis in guid helthe and prosperous reigne ower thame,

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and wissing that thai may be habill to giff vnto his maieste that seruice that by dewty thai ar bund to and his gracious fauour demandis, and that thai may giff his maieste condign satisfactioun in thir his maiesteis honourable and profitabill detuitis as thair will and affectioun is inclyneit thairto, thay maid thair ansuer to ilk heid as followis, to be returneit to his maieste be the said Sir Iohn :

Innis.

AND as to the first, concerneing the biging of Innis, because it is ane mater that will requyre ane lairge tyme and na les expenssis to the effectuating thairof, and is to be done be the particular persouns in euerie city quhais hertis may be mowit thairto be tyme, the saidis commissioneris declairis thatt at thair returne thai sall mak reporte to thair magistratis and counsale of his maiesteis will and desyre, and do thair endevore to mowe thame to insist with thair nichtbouris best effectit and maist habill to enterpryse and accompleis thatt wark according to thair habilitteis. And the lyk ansuer thai mak to the signis to be hung at ilk hous.

Middings. Missiue.

ANENT the second heid, concerning the mwk, fewell, and swyne, declaris that in ilk brugh thair is euerie zeir thair particular actis and statutis sett doun for removeing of all sic filth and swyne ; and thairfoir thai ordane that ilk brugh sall put the samyn to dew executioun mair cairfulle and delegentle nor hes bene done heirtofore, within xx dayis efter the returne of the present commissioneris, and the filth and swyne to be removit thairefter in ilk brugh within xlviij houris thairefter, and renew thair zeirle statutis thairvpoun with sic additioun as may serwe for the better executioun of his maiesteis will and intentioun ; and that ilk commissioner present intyme this ordinance to thair brugh, and that ilk brugh putt the samyn to scherpe execution and reporte thair delegens thairvpoun to the nixt generall conwentioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li. ; and this to be ane heid of the next missiue.

Attyre of wemen. Missiue.

ANENT the thrid heid, concerneing the attyre of wemen : Becaus it is nocht vnknawin to his maieste that sundre bruchis hes thair awin different attyreis, and in ilk brugh thair is alsua warieteis amangis them selffis, and that vther mair comle and decent formeis is hard to this conwentioun to dewyse and sett doun without the speciall adwyse and consent of thair magistratis and counsale, and thatt the commissioneris presentle conwenit com nocht instructit in this mater; thairfoir thai ordane ilk commissioner sall mak thair reporte of this his maiesteis propositioun to thair magistratis and

counsale, and desyre them to consult and deliberatt thairvpoun, and to send thair commissioner sufficientle instructit to the nixt generall conwentioun of burrowis with thair adwyse and jugement vpoun the alteratioun of the saidis attyris and habitis of wemen, and different formis thairof, according to his maiesteis will and mynd, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li. ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

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AND anent the last pairt of the said artickle, concerning the wemen tawerneris ; the saidis commissioneris thinkis the samyn maist ressonabill, and thairfoir ordanis that ilk brugh sall sett furthe thair particular actis and ordenanceis for inhibiting and dischargeing the said women tawerneris, topisteris and wenteneris of wyne and beir and the dry topisteris of aill, and put the samyn to scherp executioun and reporte thair delegens thairvpoun to the nixt conventioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue; and thatt this ansuer may be better knawin to ilk brugh the saidis commissioneris ordanis that ilk commissioner present sall tak and haife ane copy of this present act and of the saidis articleis and instructiounis come fra his maieste that nane pretend ignorance.

Taverners. Missiue.

14. The samyn day, anent the 37 act of the last conwentioun, concerning the electioun of the magistratis of the brugh of Dumbartane, Thomas Fallisdail, commissioner thairof, producit ane act of court of thair electioun at Mychalmes last, be the quhilk the saidis commissioneris findis the desyre of the said act satisfeit ; and to the effect that thair may be ane vniformetie in the said electioun amangis the haill burrowis conforme to the actis of parliament and conwentioun of burrowis, ordanis the brugh of Sterling to mak thair electioun at Mychalmes nixt of thair magistratis and counsale at the tymeis and in maner subscryuit be the saidis actis, and siclyk zeirle in tyme cuming, and produce and exhibite the samyn to the saidis burrowis at thair next conwentioun generall vnder the subscriptioun of thair commoun clerk, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of fourty pundis to be payit to the burrowis ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Dumbartane, magistratis. Sterling, magistratis. Missiue.

15. The samyn day, zitt as of before, ordanis it to be ane heid of the nixt missiue that ilk commissioner cum instructit to the nixt conwentioun for taking ordour with sic as cums to fairis and merkettis and byis thair wairis before the merkett be proclamitt or before the geir be conwenitt.

Fairis and merkats. Missiue.

16. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris vpoun the complaint of

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Dumfreiss. Missiue.

Maister Thomas Ramsay minister of Dumfreis, and for repressing of the contentioun, debait, and superstitioun that hes bene within the said brugh in tymeis bygane concerning thair buriall and saitis in thair kirk, and for eschewing of forder inconwenientis that may arryse thairthrow, and for keiping ane comle and decent ordour within the said brugh in tyme cumming thay inhibite and dischargis the burgessis and inhabitantis of the said brugh of all making of thair buriallis within the wallis of the said kirk, and ordanis the magistratis of the said brugh to stop and impeid the doaris thairof in all tyme cumming, and that thai suffer nane to appropriatt to them selffis any saittis ór daskis within the said kirk bot sic as salbe allowit and designit be the bailleis and sessioun of the kirk, and pvneis the offendaris, and to reporte thair delegens thairvpoun to the nixt conwentioun vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundrethe pundis ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Nisbet, M'Moran contra Cowper, Craill. Missiue.

17. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Iames Nisbett, merchand, burges of Edinbrugh, and Nyneane Makmoran, aganis the brughis of Cowper and Craill, for haifing ane furlett quhilk is ane pek of the boll les nor vther furlettis, ordanis the saidis brughis to be wairnitt be the generall missiue to ansuer to the said complaint vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Lynlithgow contra Edinbrugh. Missiue.

18. The samyn day, anent the xxiij act of the last conwentioun concerning the complainte of the brugh of Lynlithgow aganis the brughis of Edinbrugh and Dumbar, for exacting of customeis of the inhabitantis of the said brugh in maner specyfeit in the said act, the saidis commissioneris, of consent of the present commissioneris of the saidis brughis, contenewis the decisioun of the samyn to the nixt conwentioun, ordaining baith the saidis brughis to cum instructit to ansuer thairto ; and forder that the said brugh of Dumbar schaw and produce to the nixt conwentioun be quhat rycht thai vplift the alegeit dewteis, and gif thai ony haif that thai bring and produce the samyn to be sene and considerit be the saidis burrowis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Dumbar. Missiue.

Renfrow contrair Glasgow. Missiue.

19. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Renfrow contrair Glasgow, mentionat in the 26 act of the last conwentioun, contenewis the decisioun thairof to the nixt conwentioun, ordaneing the perseweris of the said com-

plaint to compeir be thair personall presens ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. SELKIRK, 6th, 7th July 1608.

20. The samyn day, anent the xxxiij act of the last conventioun, concerning the jadgeis and messouris of salmond and hering mentionat in the generall missiue, efter lang ressoneing thairvpoun agreis and consentis, and of new statutis and ordanis, that all salmond thatt sall be slane in Forthe and besouthe, and in the west cuntrey, salbe packald in barrellis and nocht in hogheidis, quhilk barrellis salbe of the bynd of Leith ; and that na salmond cummand from Yrland or ony vther place be packald bott in barrellis onle, dischargeing all packing of salmond in hogheidis ; and that all hering quhilk salbe herefter packit in the west cnntrey salbe packit in hogheidis, quhilk sall contene fyftene or fourtene gallounis and ane halff at the leist ; and anent all vther hering quhilk salbe packald, ordanis the samyn to be efter the messour and barrell of Leith and na vtherwayis, and the samyn to begyn at Mertymes next, and that ilk brugh within quhais boundis the said salmond and hering is packett caus the premissis be done and reporte thair delegens thairvpoun to the nixt conwentioun, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Messouris of salmond and hering. Missiue.

21. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris ordanis the commissioner of the brugh of Lynlithgow to bring and produce in Edinbrugh betuixt and the fyftene day of Iulij instant the gadge of the furlett with the warrandis quhilk the said brugh hes concerning the samyn jadge, to be conferrit with the furlett of Hadingtoun, for defens of ane actioun persewit be certane of the lordis of sessioun aganis the said brugh of Hadingtoun ; and ordanis the said brugh of Hadingtoun to produce in Edinbrugh the said day thair furlett ressauit be them fra Lynlithgow with the said brughis attestatioun vpoun the ressait thairof, or at ony tyme quhen it salbe thocht necessar be the brugh of Hadingtoun to the effect foirsaid. Lynlithgow, Hadingtoun, Furlett.

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22. The quhilk day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Dumfreis againis the brugh of Wigtoun, mentionat in the generall missiue and [29] act of the last conwentioun, compeirit Robert Rychartsoun, commissioner for the Dumfreis contra Wigtoun

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said brugh of Dumfreis, and past fra the said complaint *pro loco et tempore,* quhairvpoun the commissioner of Wigtoun askit instrumentis.

Brunt Iland. Missiue.

23. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun of the brugh of Brunteland, mentionat in the generall missiue and [14] act of the last conwentioun, craweand augmentatioun of thair ankerage in maner specyfeit thairin, the saidis commissioneris, as of before, contenewis thair ansuer thairto to the nixt conwentioun, and ordanis the samyn to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Sterling, Edinbrugh. Missiue.

24. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Sterling contrair Edinbrugh, for suffering of Gilbert Donaldsoun and Iohn Donaldsoun his sone, and dyuerssis vtheris inhabitantis in Leith, to vse the tred of merchandrice be sailling to forane pairtis and bringing hame of stapill wairis, nocht being burges of any fre brugh, the saidis commissioneris contenewis thair ansuer thairto to the nixt conventioun, ordaining the said brugh to reporte thair delegence in pvnisching and restrayneing the saidis persouns vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Ruglein, vnlaw. Missiue.

25. The samyn day, decernis the brugh of Ruglen in ane vnlaw of tuenty pundis for admitting and ressaueing of Dauid Hamiltoun, couper in Leith, thair burges, he never being actuall indueller within thair brugh, and for nocht depryueing of him of his liberty, neuirtheles thai dispens with the said vnlaw, the said commissioner paying xl s. presentle, quhilk was gevin to the officeris; and ordanis the said brugh to reporte thair delegence in depryueing of the said Dauid Hamiltoun and all vther thair outlandis burgessis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Fleschouris of Edinbrugh contra Sterling, Innerkething. Missiue.

26. The samyn day, anent the complaintis of the deykin and bretherein of the fleshour craft in Edinbrugh and the agent aganis the brughis of Sterling and Innerkeything, for making payment to them of the soumeis and expenssis particulare deburssit before the Lordis of Sessioun in obteyning decret of the suspensiounis rayssit be the saidis brughis aganis the saidis compleneris of the decret obtenit be them before the saidis burrowis, contrair the saidis brughis, the commissioneris contenewis the decisioun thairof to the nixt conwentioun, ordaneing the saidis brughis to compeir sufficientle instructit to ansuer thairto vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li. ilk brugh and payment of the soumeis mentionat in the said complaint; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Sterling, Missiue.

27. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun of the brugh of Sterling, craveing licence of the burrowis to impetrat of our souerane lord ane cus-

tome to be tane at thair brig as vtheris burrowis takis; the saidis commissioneris contenewis thair ansuer thairto the nixt conwentioun; and ordanis the samyn to be ane heid of the next missiue. SELKIRK, 7th July 1608.

28. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun of the brugh of Irewin craifeing licence to impetrat ane impost at thair new erectit herbere callit the Trone, the brugh of Kinghorne craifing impost for vphald of thair herbere and hewin, the brugh of Peblis craifing ane custome to be vptakin for vphalding of thair tua brigis; the commissioneris contenewis thair ansuer thairto to the nixt conventioun; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Irewing, Kinghorne, Peblis. Missiue.

29. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Ruglein contrar Glasgow, for exacting fra the inhabitantis of Ruglen ane custome at thair brig with ane ladill full of beir or malt vpoun thair merkett day quhairto thai haue na richt; the saidis commissioneris contenewis thair ansuer thairto, ordaneing the said brugh to cum instructit with thair richtis and warrandis giff thai ony haue; and the samyn to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Ruglein cont Glasgow. Missiue.

30. The samyn day, compeirit Iames Wynrahame, agent, and confest and grantit him to be adetit to the brugh of Ruglen in the soume of tuenty fyve merkis, quhilk soume he acit and oblissit him to pay to the said brugh att the nixt conwentioun generall, qvhairvpoun the commissioner of the said brugh askit instrumentis. Agent, Rugleyn.

31. The samyn day, compeirit the rycht honourable Sir Robert Dennelstoun, knicht, conseruator of the Scotis preuelegeis of the natioun in the Law Cuntreyis, and producit ane lettre missiue direct to the saidis burrowis be the kingis maieste: Be the quhilk his maieste schawis thatt he is miscontent with the suppleyis gevin be the merchandis of this realm tredding in the Law Cuntreyis to the baneist ministeris, thairfoir desyring the burrowis that thai wald be cairfull to restrayne that impertenent and vndewtifull supple gevin to the saidis ministeris, and declairing alsua that his maiesteis will is that the saidis burrowis sould na wayis place ane minister at thair stapill in Campheir before his maieste be acquent with the particular chois the burrowis intendis to mak and that thai resaue his maiesteis approbatioun thairin; and last desyring that the former actis and proclamatiounis maid for contenewing of the staple at Campheir may be ratyfeit at this meitting, and that thai will respect the beirar quhome his maieste hes fund verray trustie in his seruice; as the said lettre of the dait at Greinwich the xv day of Iunij last perportis. Quhilk being red and publischit to Conseruator. Rex. Law Cuntreis.

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the saidis commissioneris thay declayritt that thai wald, according to thair dewty, obey the samyn.

AND thairfoir, tuicheing the first heid of the baneist ministeris, thay ordane that ilk commissioner present be intimy to thair brughis at thair returne this his maiesteis will and mynd and to desyre the magistratis to sie the samyn fulfillit and obeyitt be thair inhabitantis and burgessis, the said lord conseruator to haue regaird to the obeying of his maiesteis lettre within the toun of Campheir and Law Cuntreyis for restrayneing of the saidis suppleyis.

Minister at Campheir. Missiue.

AND, as to the minister at Campheir, the commissioneris declaris and ordanis that na persoun sallbe electit nor nominat without his maiesteis consent and approbatioun thairto; and as to the heid of the missiue and [last] act of the last conwentioun, concerning ane prouision or stipend to the said minister, inrespect the commissioneris is nocht as zit resoluit thairvpoun, and in regard of this his maiesteis lettre, thay contenewit thair deliberatioun thairof to the nixt generall conwentioun, and ordaneing ilk brugh to send thair commissioneris sufficientle instructit thairto; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Staipill.

AND, anent the staple, the saidis commissioneris ratyfeis and approwis the contract maid betuixt the saidis burrowis and the brugh of Campheir thairanent, togidder with the act of burrowis maid at Edinbrugh the fourt day of Nouember j^{m} v^{c} lxxxvij zeiris, and ordanis the samyn to be obseruit and keipit in all pointis; and becaus it is complenit be the brugh of Campheir that dyuerssis schipis passis with thair stapill guidis to dyuerssis pairtis in the Law Cuntreyis, by the said staple, thairfoir thai ordane ilk sey brugh to haue regaird thairto, restrayne thair nichtbouris and pvnische the offendaris according to the actis of the saidis burrowis and contract, and that the said lord conseruator vse his jurisdiction and penultyis in the Law Cuntreyis vpoun the transgressouris thairof.

AS to the said Conseruator, the saidis commissioneris ratyfeis and approwes all actis and constitutiounis maid in his fawouris, and specialy the act of the particular conwentioun haldin at Brunteland in the moneth of August 1606 concerning the dewteis to be payitt to the said conseruator, ordaneing ilk brugh quhome to the samyn properle pertennis to sie the samyn obseruit and keipitt in all tymeis cumming.

Papists.

AND SICLYK, it was reportit to the saidis commissioneris be his lordschip

that his majeste be word haid plenit vnto him of the cauldnes of the burrowis in nocht compleneing to his majeste of the frequent resorting of Papistis and Jesueitis within this realm; and thairfoir the saidis commissioneris ordanis the present commissioneris of Edinbrugh and Perthe to pas to my Lord of Dunbar with my lord conseruator, and in thair nameis schaw to his lordschip that the saidis burrowis gewis his majeste grit thankis for that he hes sic memorie of walkening them of thair cauldnes, thairfoir to desyre his lordschip to wrytt to his majeste in thair nameis thair thankis, with thair promeis to do thair dewty within thair boundis; and desyris the brugh of Edinbrugh in thair nameis to wrytt to his majeste thair thankis, and prayit his majeste to hald hand to the debarring of the saidis papistis furth of the realm, and to urge his majesteis counsall and remanent maiestratis of this realm to ane mair vigillent cair to do thair dewteis in thatt behalff. SELKIRK, 7th July 1608.

32. The samyn day, findis that it war expedient and profitabill for the natioun that ane warrant war impetrat of his maieste to be direct to all the post maisteris betuixt Londoun and Edinbrugh, that quhen his maiesteis packald passis and repassis that thai refuis nocht to tak the merchand packett to and fra Edinbrugh and Londoun to be delyuerit saifle, as is vsit to the Flymingis and vther natiouns; and finding Iames Bannatyne resident at Londoun persoun maist meitt and qualyfeit for directing and ressaueing of the said packettis, thairfoir thai ordane the commissioneris of Edinbrugh, Perthe, Dundy, Aberdeyne, or sic vtheris as salbe in Edinbrugh at thair returne, to speik Sir Alexander Hay, Secretar Depute, and confer with him thairvpoun for obteyneing his furtherance thairinto; and that the brugh of Edinbrugh direct ane speciall lettre to his maieste in thair nameis for obteneing thairof. Merchand packett. Postmasters.

33. The samyn day, for dyuerssis caussis and considerationns tending to the weill of the natioun traffickquand with thair guidis to the stapill in Campheir, thay fynd expedient and ordanis that my lord conseruator sall mak na impediment to ony of the induelleris in Campheir and Myddilbrugh to by fra the natioun thair staple wairis, exceptand awayis the factouris, thair guidsonis, seruandis, and doaris, quhome the saidis commissioneris dischargis sympliciter to by any of the said staple wairis to thair awin behuife, desyring his lordschip to sie these present ordenance with the actis maid aganis the saidis factouris to executioun; also to sie remedy putt to the Campheir. Conseruator. Staipill wayrs.

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abuse of the excyse beir and wyne, to the effect the natioun may ressaue ane gritter benefeit thairby nor hes bene heirtofore, and to tak order concerning thair ordenar lawingis that the samyn may be reducit to the actis of burrowis maid of before.

Statute. Parliamentis. Convening. Missiue.

34. The samyn day, findis that thair estait is hewele preiudget be certane burrowis quha repairis nocht to parliamentis of this realm, and cums and depairtis before dissoluing thairof, seing that materis in the said parliament ar borne away be pluralitte of woittis, and considering that the dayis of parliamentis ar almaist knawin to the haill realm, thairfoir thay statute and ordane that all the saidis burrowis sall direct thair commissioneris, without ony forder citatioun, to conweyne at the place of parliament tua dayis before the first day of the samyn, with sufficient commissioun nocht onle in the materis of the parliament bott lykwayis in the materis of burrowis, to concur euerie ane with ane vther in the parliament in all thingis that may tend to the weill of the realm and estait of burrowis, and that nane be absent thairfra nor zitt depairt before the dissolueing of the parliament vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li., and ordanis the commissioneris present to intyme the present ordenance to thair brughis at thair returneing ; and that it be ane heid of the nixt missiue that ilk commissioner bring ane attestatioun of thair brugh that thai ar laufulle aduerteist of this present ordenance, quhairby thai pretend na ignorance, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and the exemptioun to haue na place in the meittingis at the parliament ; and the commissioneris conwenand at the saidis parliamentis to haue powir to vnlaw the burrowis absent in the said vnlaw of xl li.

Dunbar. Missiue. Edinbrugh, Glasgow, Rugleyn.

35. The samyn day, anent the 39 act of the last conwentioun concerning the brugh of Dumbar, mentionat in the generall missiue, be the quhilk thai war accusit for suffering of vnfremen to pack and peill within thair boundis, Maister Eduard Aitkyne and William Hopper thair commissioneris being present, quha producit the tickettis of dyuerssis burgessis quha had sent dyuerssis persounis to the said fischeing quhome thai alegeit to be thair seruandis to pack and peill and zitt duelt in vnfre tounis and packett to thair awin behuife vnder cullour of the saidis burgessis ; for remeid quhairof the saidis commissioneris ordanis the said brugh of Dumbar to acknawledge nane to be ane seruand of ane fre burges bott sic as sall bring with them the attestatioun of the brugh be thair commoun clerk that thai

ar actuall seruandis to the saidis burgessis, haifing meitt and fey and in hous with them; and ordanis the brughis of Edinbrugh, Glasgow, aud Ruglen to try and cognosche vpoun thair nichtbouris quhais nameis ar gevin vp be the said brugh of Dumbar to haue cullourit vnfremen vnder pretence of thair seruice at the said fischeing, and gif thai hawe failzeitt to pvnische them, and to reporte delegence to the nixt conwentioun, the nameis of the quhilkis persounis war delyuerit to thair present commissioneris, and this vnder the pane of tuenty pundis ilk brugh; and the said brugh of Dumbar to reporte mair exact delegence in wrytt to the nixt conwentioun in restrayning and pvnisching of the said vnfremen vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of j^c li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Selkirk, 7th July 1608.

36. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris hes exemit and exemis the brughis following fra all generall conwentiounis of burrowis for the space of thre zeiris nixt efter the dait heirof, to witt, the brugh of Lanerik and Lawder fra all conventiounis of burrowis be north Forth, and the brughis of Lochmaben and Annand; prouyding awayis that thir presentis be nocht extenditt to parliamentis or quhair thai ar warnit be the generall missiue for ony particular caus, and that thai send thair ratefecatioun with the nixt brugh with all taxatiounis and dewteis quhilk thai aucht to pay to the saidis burrowis, vtherwayis to be vnlawit as absentis. Exemptiounis, Lanerik, Lawder, Lochmab Annan

37. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris, vpoun the ernest supplicatioun of Iohn Makesoun commissioner for the brugh of Craill, grantis liberty and licence to the said brugh to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift for vplifting of the impost following of all schipis, creyaris, and boitis loissing and laidning at thair heawin, to be imployit vpoun the biging and reparatioun thairof, to witt, of ilk last hering fyve s., ilk twn wyne fyve s., ilk chalder salt tua s., ilk last takill fyve s., ilk last lynt fyve s., ilk last hempt thre schillingis, ilk last oyle sex s. vij d., ilk chalder wituall passand afe the cuntrey sex s. viij d., and remaining within the countrey ij s. viij d., ilk last pick or tar thre s., ilk thowsand salt fische sex s. viij d, ilk thowsand dry fische iiij s., ilk hundreth of all kynd tymber, ane. Craill. Impost.

38. This to indure for the space of sevin zeiris nixt efter the passing of the said gift, prouyding thatt zerle at the conwentioun of the burrowis thai mak compt and of the bestowing thairof; and quhairas he desyrit the recommendatioun of the saidis burrowis to the liberall dispositioun of ilk perticular persoun within ilk brugh as micht be mowit to grant them ony

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suppley to the wark of thair heawin and herbere interprysit volunterle, the saidis commissioneris thinkis thair recomendatioun neidfull and wills them to vse thair awin priwatt moyane baith to brugh and land to that effect, by and attour thair said recomendatioun, of the quhilk recomendatioun thai willingle grantis and consentis.

Impost. Kirkcaldy.

39. The samyn day, grantis and geweis licence to the brugh of Kirkcaldy to impetrat of our souerane ane gift of the impost following, for the space of sevin zeiris efter the obteneing thairof, for reparatioun of thair hewin and schore: that is to say, of ilk twn guidis loissit in the said herbere to haue tua s. at thair intering and at thair outpassing tua s., and of the weschell tuelf penneis for ilk twn at thair intering and tuelf penneis at thair outpassing; and this of all sorte of geir except lyme, coll, sklaitt, and frestane, quhilk is ordanit to be fre of the said impost; item of ilk chalder wittuall dischargit and loissit in the said herbere tua s. at thair entre, and of ilk chalder wittuall transportit furth thairof tua s., and of the weschell tuelf penneis of ilk chalder loissit or schipit, item ane trey of ilk hundreth loissit or laydinit in the said herbere, eikand thairto of ilk chalder salt of vnfremen sex s. viij d. and of fremen thre s. iiij d, and of the weschell of vnfremen tua s. and of fremen tuelf penneis; prouyding the said brugh imploy the said impost to the effect foirsaid and mak zeirle compt to the burrowis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li. to be payit to the burrowis.

Dumbartane. Taxatioun. Commissio. Work of Dunbartoun.

40. The samyn day, haifing red and considerit the act of parliament maid anent the taxatioun of xxv thowsand merkis grantit to the brugh of Dumbartane for preseruatioun of the samyn fra invndatioun of the watter of Lewin, to the quhilk soume Thomas Fallisdaill and Iohn Semple of Correich, burgessis of the said brugh, ar constitut collectoris; lyk as also powir and commissioun is gewin be wertew of the said act to the commissioneris of the haill burrowis of this realm be them selffis or sic vtheris as thai sall depute to sie the wark for saiftie of the said brugh proceid and tak effect, and to by, prowyd, and furneis materiallis, conduce the warkmen and all vther persounis meitt for perfyteing of the said wark, and to cheis the maisteris of wark and owirsears quha sall haue credeit in deburssing of the soumeis of money to be bestowit thairvpoun and salbe comptable to the saidis burrowis for the samyn; lyk as the saidis estaitis decernis and ordanis the saidis tua collectors to mak compt and rekning of the haill ressait

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and debursement to the commissioneris of burrowis at thair generall conventioun, as the said act of parliament daitit at Edinbrugh the xj day of August 1607 purportis: the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, for obedience of the said act of parliament and for adwanceing of thatt necessar and godle wark, gewis powir and commissioun to the brughis of Edinbrugh, Glasgow, Sterling, Air, Irewin, to elect and deput sic persounis of thair brughi as ar maist meitt and qualyfeit, to meitt and conueyne at the said brugh of Dumbartane the xvj day of August nixt and all vther tymeis neidfull, to the nixt conventioun of burrowis, and conforme to the said act of parliament to sie the said wark proceid and tak effect, with powir to cheis the maister of wark and owirsearis, and to allow and disalow of them thatt ar enterit thairto alreddy, and to do all thingis for setting fordward the said wark that the saidis burrowis micht do them selffis be wertew of the said act of parliament, and to mak reporte to the saidis burrowis at thair nixt generall conventioun of thair proceidingis; and ordanit the present commissioneris of the saidis fyve burrowis to mak intimatioun to thair saidis brughis at thair returne off this present act and ordenance and assist with them for effectuating thairof. And becaus the said Thomas Fallisdaill and Iohn Semple ar alreddy enterit to the said wark, [and] coft materiallis as thai declairit, and ressauit ane pairt of the said taxatioun; thairfoir the saidis commissioneris ordanis them, being personally present, to concur with the deputis of the saidis burrowis, to be rewlit be them and follow thair adwyse in all thingis concerning the said wark; as alsua ordanis the saidis tua collectoris of thair awin consentis to compeir before the commissioneris of burrowis in the nixt generall conventioun quhairever the samyn sall hald, without ony forder citatioun, and thair, for exoneratioun of the saidis burrowis, to giff in vnto them ane perfyte compt in wrytt of thair ressaitis and debursementis of all soumeis of money intrometit or that it sall happin them to intromet with thatt is or salbe destenet to the said wark, and of thair delegens to inbring the samyn; lyk as the said Thomas Fallisdaill and Iohn Semple of Correch, collectoris foirsaidis, of thair awin fre will, vncompellit or coactit, be thir presentis bindis and oblissis them selffis conjunctle and seueralle thair airis, executoris, and successoris quhatsumewir, that thai sall do thair dewty in collecting the said taxatioun of xxv^{m} merkis and all vther soumes that may be gottin to the said wark, and mak compt to the said burrowis of the samyn, and lykwayis for applying of the foirsaid

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soume, and forder as his majeste sall bestow vpoun the said wark, conforme to the said act of parliament, be adwyse of the saidis burrowis, efter the forme and tenour of the act of burrowis maid at Edinbrugh the xj day of August 1607 in all pointis; and the saidis commissioneris ordanis the expenssis of the deputis of the saidis fyve brughis quha hes the cair of the said wark in maner foirsaid to be vpoun the expenssis of the said taxatioun and soumeis grantit to the said wark, and the said tua collectouris to deburse the samyn, quhilk salbe allowit to them in thair comptis.

Kirkcudbricht Missiue.

41. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun gewin in be the commissioner of the brugh of Kirkcudbricht, craifeing supporte to the reparatioun of thair heawin and mott, ordanis the samyn to be ane heid of the nixt generall missiue.

Renfrow contra Glasgow. Missiue.

42. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Renfrow contrair Glasgow, for admitting of (*blank*) thair burgessis, quha duellis in Kilmacolm and makis na residence within thair brugh sen the tyme of thair admissioun, ordanis the said brugh to be warnit be the generall [missiue] to ansuer thairto, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Impost. Sanctandrois.

43. The samyn day, grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Sanctandrois to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of the impost following, for reparatioun of thair heawin and herbere, to indure for the space of fyve zeiris nixt efter the dait thairof: that is to say, of ilk last hering arryuing within thair herbere fyve s., ilk twn wyne fyve s., ilk chalder salt tua schillingis, ilk last oyle sex s. viij d., ilk last takill fyve s., ilk last lynt fyve s., ilk last hempt thre s., ilk chalder wittuall passand afe the cuntrey sex s. viij d., ilk last pik and tar thre s., ilk thousand salt fische sex s. viij d., ilk thousand dry fische four s., ilk hundrethe tymber ane, and the schip to pay of ilk last ane schilling sex penneis; prouyding the said brugh zerle at the conwentioun of burrowis mak compt of thair ressait and employment thairof to the vse foirsaid.

Dysart. Impost.

44. The samyn day, grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Dysart to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of ane impost of ilk schip and guidis arryuand in thair herberis in maner contenit in the licence grantit to the brugh of Aberdein in Iulij 1596, and that for the space of sevin zeiris nixt efter the daitt thairoff; eikand thairto of ilk chalder salt, of vnfremen sex s. viij d., and of fremen thre s. iiij d., and of the weschell, of vnfremen tua s., and fremen tuelf penneis; prouyding the said brugh zerle at the conwen-

tioun of bnrrowis mak compt of thair ressait and imployment thairof to the vse foirsaid. SELKIRK, 7th July 1605.

45. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Forfar contrair Dundy, for raysing ane novatioun vpoun thame neuir done of before bot sin Candilmes last, in taking of custome fra thame at thair ports of euery horse laid, littill or mekill, foure penneis, conforme to the supplicatioun gevin in thairanent; the saidis commissioneris contenewis the decisioun of the said complaynt to the nixt generall conventioun, and ordanis the said brugh of Dundy to be wayrneit to ansuer to the said complaynt be the generall missiue. Forfair contra Dundie. Missiue.

46. The samyn day, compeirit Thomas Fischer, for him selff and in name of William Speir, and confest and grantit him to haue ressauit fra the brughis of Edinbrugh, Dundy, Aberdein, Glasgow, Dysart, Sterling, Linlithgow, Air, Hadingtoun, Dumfreis, Kirkcudbricht, Wigtoun, Pittinweyme, Dumferling, Dumbartane, Lanerik, Brunteland, Peblis, Kinghorne, Selkirk, Culros, Dumbar, Ruglein, Northberuik, Culane, Lawder, Innerkeything, Sanquhar, Annand, Lochemaben, Kirkcaldy, Irewin, Arbrothe, Craill, Banff, Forfar, Forres, thair pairtis of the soume of tua thowsand sevin hundreth pundis, and discharges the saidis brughis thairof, quhairvpoun ather of thair commissioneris askit instrumentis. Fischear, Taxatioun.

The samyn day, decernis the brughis of Perthe, Sanctandrois, Mwnros, Cowper, Anstruther Eister, Innernes, Breichin, Elgyne, Iedbrugh,, Renfrow, Thayne, Anstruther Wester, Quhithorne. Rossay, Nayrne, Kilrany, and ilk ane of them, in ane vnlaw of xl li. for nocht payment to Thomas Fischer and William Speir, merchandis, of thair pairtis of the soume of tua thowsand sevin hundrethe pundis, addit be the haill burrowis of this realm to the saidis Thomas Fischer and William Speir, mentionat in the generall missiue and xxxvj act of the last conwentioun haldin at Dumbartane; quhilkis vnlawis the saidis burrowis ordanis the saidis persounis to vplift to thair awin vse according to the said act. The samyn day, decernis the brughis vnderwrittin and ilk ane of them in ane vnlaw of xx li., for nocht payment making to the brugh of Irewin of thair pairtis of the souume of fyve hundreth thre scoir merkis grantit be the burrowis to the said brugh, mentionat in the generall missiue, quhilk thai ordane the said brugh to vplift to thair awin vse, viz.: Mwnros, Cowper, Innernes, Elgyne, Rossay, Forres, Culane, Nayrne, Lawder, to the quhilkis soumeis and vnlawis Thomas Boyd, provest of the the said brugh of Irewin and present commissioner, Burrowis vnlawit. Burrowis vnlawit. Irewin.

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constitutis Iohn Nisbett cessioner and assignay, with powir to him to rais lettres and gif acquittances and dischargis.

Nixt Conventioun.

47. The samyn day, desertis and dissoluis this present conwentioun, and appointis and affixis thair nixt generall conwentioun to be begun and haldin at the brugh of Cowper the fourt day of Iulij j^{m} sex hundreth nyne zeiris, ordaning the present commissioneris to intimy the samyn to thair maiestratis to the effect missiues may be direct in dew tyme.

Iames Scot, moderatour.
George Moscrope.
William M'Ghie.
Henre Elder clerk for Perthe.
William M'Kie.
Dauid Strang.
Robert Phillane.
I. Somervell.
Robert Lokhart, commissioner.
An. Wilson.
Iohne Dikesoune.
Iames Boiswell.
Ge. Woode.
Iohne Forret for Culros.
G. Durie.
Ed. Aitkyn.
Alexander Wilkesone.
Dauid Millair.
Willieam Maxwell.
Thomas Boyd.
Alexander Peirsoun for Edinbrugh.
George Foulis for Edinbrugh.
Thomas Wilsone.
Patrik Lyn for Dundie.
Alexander Cullen for Aberdein.
D. Paterson, commissioner for Sterling.
Iames Inglis for Glasgow.
Andro Watsoun, Sanctandrois.
Dauid Symsone, Dysertt.
George Cochran for Ayr.
Ro. Ker for Lynlithgow.
H. Cokburne for Hadingtoun.
Thomas Fallusdaill.
Iohne Makesoun for Craill.
Alex. Law for Kirkcaldy.
William Barclay for Mwnros.
William Christesone for Cowper.
I. Anstruther for Anstruther Eister.
Robert Richardsoun.
Androw M'George.
Androw Pinkerton, be Mr Alexander Guthre, clerk of the Conventioun.

EDINBURGH, 14th, 1609.

In the Particular Conventioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Edinbrugh the xiiij day of Iunij the zeir of God j^m vj^c and nyne zeiris, and contenewand the tyme of this present parliament haldin at the said brugh be the haill Estaitts of this realme thair convenit, Compeirit the Commissioneris of the Burrowis of this realme vnderwrittin: That is to say: Edinbrugh.

EDINBURGH, Alexander Peirsoun, George Foulis; Perth, Iames Adamsoun; Dundie, William Goldman; Abirdeyn, Alexander Rutherfurde; Glasgow, Matho Trumbill; Sanctandrois, Maister William Russell; Dysart, Ihonn Williamsoun, clerk; Sterling, Ihonn Scheres; Lynlithgow, Robert Ker; Air, Ihonn Lockhart; Hadingtoun, Harie Cokburn, baillie; Kircaldie, Iames Law, baillie; Montrose, Robert Grahame; Cowper, Patrik Glasfurde; Anstruther Eister, Iohnn Anstruther, clerk; Dunfreis, Thomas Raynie; Innernes, William Campbell; Irewyne, Thomas Boyde; Elgyne, George Braidie; Iedbrugh, Robert Alesoun; Kirkcudbricht, William Makgie; Pittinweyme, Ihonn Kers; Dunfermling, Maister Thomas Wardlaw; Dunbartane, Thomas Fallisdaill; Lanrik, Dauid Blair; Brunt Island, Patrik Greiff; Peblis, Niniane Lowis; Craill, Ihonn Makesoun; Kinghorne, Iames Boswell; Thayne, Ihonn Forester; Selkirk, George Michelhill; Anstruther Wester, Robert Richertsoun; Culros, George Bruce; Dunbar, Mr Edward Aytkyne; Northberuik, Thomas Lawder; Lawder, William Hoppringill; Innerkeything, Henry Kinglassie; Sanquhar, Robert Phillop; Annand, Ihonn Galloway; Lochmaben, Robert Welsche.

1. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis electit Alexander Peirsoun, merchant, burges of Edinbrugh, and first in commissioun, thair moderatour indureing this present conventioun conform to the ordour, and appoyntit thair nixt meitting to be the morne after the sermon in the assyse hous of Edinbrugh immediatlie after the sermon. Moderatour Meitting.

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xv^{to} Iunij j^{m} vj^{c} ix^{o}.

Burrowis unlawet. Chairge Agent.

2. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis presentle convenit cawsit reid the threttie foure act of the last conventioun of burrowis, haldin at Selkirk in the moneth of Iulij j^{m} vj^{c} and aucht zeiris, anent the conventioun of burrowis to the parliamentis of this realme, quhilk being considderit thay fand the burrowis vnderwritten to haif contravenit the said act in nocht sending thair commissioneris to this present conventioun and to the parliament: that is to say, Breichein, Wigtoun, Renfrow, Abirbrothock, Bamff, Quhithorne, Forfar, Rothesay, Forres, Kinghorne, Culane, Nairne, Kilraynie, and thairfore thay decernit thame and euery ane of thame in ane vnlaw of fourty punds to be payit to the commoun vses of the said burrowis, and ordanit Iames Wynrahame thair agent to vplift the same, and to be charget thairwith in his compts.

xx Iunij j^{m} vj^{c} ix^{o}.

Commissio Barrouns, Coillis.

3. The quhilk day, in presens of the saidis burrowis comperit the richt honorabill Bruce of Airth, and certane other gentilmen quha has coilheuches win vpoun the Water of Forth and lands about the samyn, and desyret the said burrowis nocht to insist for restrayning of the collis to be had furth of the realme be sic ressouns as thai suld mair amplie schaw to the said burrowis with sic ressonibill offeris as suld tend to the weill of the brughis vpoun the sey coasts of this realme; with the quhilk desyre the said burrowis being avyset thay appoyntit Richert Doby for Edinbrugh, William Goldman for Dundie, Henry Elder for Perth, Ihonn Lokhart for Air, Ihonn Makkesoun for Craill, Robert Ker for Lynlithgow, Maister William Wemes for Sanctandrois, Robert Grahame for Montros, quha war nocht vpoun the articles of the parliament, to meitt and confer with the saids nobillmen, barrouns, and gentilmen, resaue thair offeris, heir thair ressouns, intreatt and ressoun with thame, and mak thair reportis at the nixt meitting of the haill burrowis, to be sene and considderit be thame as apperteynis.

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Vigesimo quarto Iunij j^{m} vj^{c} ix^{o}.

Iadges of barrellis of hering, salmont, quhyte fysche.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris presently conwenit ordanit that ewere ane of them inform thair burrowis to send thair commissioneris sufficientle instructit to the nixt approcheing conwentioun att Cowper for taking ordour anent the sufficient jadge of all barrellis of hering, salmond, and quhyte fishe, and that the samyn be sufficientle maid and packald with sufficient merchand wairis and in sufficient barrellis, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ten pundis to be tane of the brugh that failzeis and cums nocht instructit as saidis

Allexander Peirsoun for Edinbrugh.
George Bruce.
H. Cokburne.
Iohne Makesone.
Thomas Lauder.
Patrik Greif.
Iohne Kerse.
Robert Rychartsone.
Ninian Louiss.
George Foulis for Edinbrugh.
Iohne Scherar.
Thomas Boyd.
I. Anstruther.
Harie Kynglasie.
Iames Boswell.
William M'Ghie.
Mr Edward Aitkyn, Commissioner.
William Pringill.

In the Generall Conwentioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Cowper the fourt day of Iulij j^{m} sex hundrethe nyne zeiris, Compeirit the Commissioneris following, and producit thair Commissiouns in maner vnderwrittin.

At Cowper 4th July, 1609.

EDINBRUGH, Alexander Persoun, merchand, George Foulis, goldsmyth; Perthe, Constyne Malice, bailze; Dundy, William Goldman, bailze; Aberdein, Thomas Forbes, merchand; Glasgow (*blank*); Sanctandrois,

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Maister William Russell; Sterling, Walter Cowane, merchand; Lynlithgow, Gilbert Mwre, bailze; Dysart, Dauid Symsoun younger, bailzie; Air, (*blank;*) Hadingtoun, Patrik Broun, merchand; Kirkcaldy, Dauid Huchesoun, bailzie; Mwnros, William Ramsay, merchand; Cowper, Patrik Glasfurd, Dauid Andersoun; Craill, Iohne Makesoun, clerk; Anstruther Eister Thomas Watsoun; Dumfreis, Thomas Ranny, bailze; Innernes, William Campbell; Breichin, Dauid Lyndsay; Irewin, Hew Scott; Elgyne, Iames Andersoun; Iedbrugh, (*blank;*) Kirkcudbricht, Iohn Mekle, clerk; Wigtoun, Mychall Cocheran, bailze; Pittinweyme, William Stevensoun; Dunferling, Robert Phillin; Dumbartane, Iohn Fallisdaill; Renfrow, William Somerwell, clerk; Lanerik, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be the agent; Arbrothe, be thair exemptioun and ratefication producit be Edinbrugh; Brunteland, Patrik Greiff; Peblis, Iohn Dickesoun; Kinghorne, Iames Boswell, younger; Tayne, Walter Ros; Selkirk, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Peblis; Anstruther Wester, Robert Richartsoun; Culross, Iohn Forrett, clerk; Dunbar, William Hopper; Banff, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Aberdein; Quhithorne, (*blank;*) Forfar, Andrew Hunter; Rossay, *blank;* Forres, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Elgyne; Ruglen, Iohne Riddell; Northeberuik, Thomas Lawder; Culane, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Aberdein; Nayrne, (*blank;*) Lawder, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Northberuik; Innerkeything, Henrie Kinglassie; Kilranny, Iohn Iamesoun; Sanquhar, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Dumfreis; Annand, be thair exemptioun and ratefecatioun producit be Dumfreis; Lochemaben, (*blank.*)

Moderatour.

1. The samyn day, electis, creatis, and constitutis Patrik Glasfurd, first in the commissioun, thair moderatour, quha compeirand acceptit the samyn and gaif his aith in *communi forma.*

Houris of Conventioun.

2. The samyn day, appointis the houris of thair conwentioun to be fra aucht houris in the morneing quhill tuelf houris, and fra tua houris efternone quhill sex houris at evin, and the absentis efter ceissing of the bell and calling of the rollis to pay ane vnlaw of sex s. viij d., and that nane speik without licence of the moderatour, nather mixt ressoneing with woitting, vnder the said pane.

Citatioun verefeit.

3. The samyn day, Dauid Andersoun, commissioner for Cowper, weryfeit

the laufull citatioun of the burrowis to this conventioun be delyuering of the generall missiue as vse is. CUPAR, 4th July 1609.

4. The samyn day, Alexander Persoun, commissioner for Edinbrugh, producit ane commissioun gevin be the brugh of Air to Iohn Lockart for keiping this present conventioun, togidder with ane ratefecatioun subscryuit be the said Iohn of thair proceidingis in the samyn, with ane lettre missiue direct be him to the saidis commissioneris declairing the caussis of his absence throw the suddane deceis of Iohne Iamesoun bailze of the said brugh, quha deceissit in Edinbrugh vpoun Setterday last, and deidle disease of his spous at hame, and thatt the burding of the said vmqvhile Iohn Iamesounis effairis are left to the said Iohn Lockart, sua that in sic schort space nather he nor na vther could keip this present conventioun ; quhilk being knawin to be of werite, thairfoir the saidis commissioners dispensis with his absence and vnlaw quhilk thai sould haue incurrit. And lykwayis the said Alexander Persoun producit ane lettre missiue direct fra the Secreit Counsale to the saidis commissioneris, exusand the absence of Iames Inglis, commissioner of Glasgow, in the public effairis of this realm quhairin he is imployit be thame, inrespect quhairof the saidis commissioneris dispensis with the said brugh for thair absence and vnlaw quhilk thai sould haue incurrit. Commissioneris. Air. Glasgow. Absence excuset.

5. The samyn day, ordanis that ilk commissioun direct fra ony brugh to the conventiounis that thair commissioun beir autentik attestatioun that thai ar of the trew religioun presentle professit, and siclyk that all commissiouns direct heirefter be gevin vnder the publict seale of the brugh, by and attour the subscriptiounis requisite, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li. ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Statute. Commissouns. Missiue.

6. Decernis the brughis of Iedbrugh, Quhithorne, Rossay, Nayrne, and ilk ane of them, in ane vnlaw of xx li., for absence fra this present conventioun being laufulle warnitt thairto, quhilk thai ordane the agent to vplift, and he to be chairgit thairwith in his comptis. Jedbrugh, Quhithorne, Rossay, Nayrne, vnlawit.

7. The samyn day, anent the sext act of the last conventioun, concerning foirstalleris, regratouris, outlandis burgessis, sailleris without tickettis, mentionat in the generall missiue, the saidis commissioners, zit as of before, ordanis ilk brugh to schaw and produce to the nixt generall conventioun mair exact delegence in wrytt in pvnisching the saidis persounis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and ordanis the brugh of Perth to Regratouris, forestalleris, outland burgessis. Missiue. Perth, Dysart, Innerkething, Cowper.

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send to the nixt conventioun the decreit and sentence autentikle subscryuit of the depryueing of William Andersoun, thair outland burges, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li., and this to be ane heid of the missiue; and the brughis of Dysart, Innerkeything and Cowper, for weryfeing of thair delegens mentionat in the said act, compeirit Dauid Symsoun commissioner for Dysart and producit ane act of court vnder the subscriptioun of thair clerk of the depryweing of Iohnne Cambie thair burges, of the dait the xij day of April 1609; Patrik Glasfurd commissioner for Cowper producit ane act of the dait the 18 day of Iunij 1609 of the depryueing of William Strawchane thair burges, and forder declairit that fyve zeir syne thai had deprywit Iohn Strawchane his father; and siclyk Henre Kinglassie for Innerkething producit ane act of the dait the 3 Iunij 1609 of the actuall residence of Androw Hutsoun thair burges; with the quhilkis the saidis commissioneris being adwyssit fand the desire of the said act satisfeit.

Sanctandrois vnlawit. Missiue.

8. The samyn day, decernis the brugh of Sanctandrois in ane vnlaw of fourtie pundis for nocht reporteing of thair delegens in trying and pvnisching of Maister Hew Myleis thair burges, in contrauening the actis of burrowis be selling of his merchandrice at the kirk of Cleische, and lykwayis Dauid Messin in selling at the kirk of Kettill, mentionat in the generall missiue and tent act of the last conventioun; and contenewis the executioun and vplifting of the said vnlaw quhill the nixt conwentioun, vpoun promeis maid be the present commissioner that the said brugh sall reporte sufficient delegens in trying and pvnisching of the saidis persouns conform to the said act, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis to be payit to the burrowis; and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Air. Missiue.

9. The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Air at the nixt conventioun generall produce thair exact delegence in trying and pvnisching of Iohn Lewingstoun and Iames Makcadum, thair burgessis, in selling of thair merchandrice at Sanct Johns Clachan and keiping of buithis thair, contrair the actis of burrowis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Rex Instructiouns, Missiue.

10. The samyn day, anent the 13 act of the last convention, mentionat in the generall missiue, concerning the desireis, artickleis, and instructiounis sent be the kingis majeste to the burrowis with Sir John Drummound his majesteis seruitour, anent the biging of inis and haifing of signis at their houssis, and anent the removeing of swyne and filthe, and anent the heid

attyre of wemen, and anent wemen tawerneris. As to the said inns, ordanis ilk commissioner to mak intimatioun thairof to thair said brughis and magistratis thairof, for moveing of thair nychtbouris to big the saidis inns according to thair habilitteis quhen occasioun is offerit, and as to the signis to caus thair inhabitantis to haue the samyn hung at thair houssis, and speciale sic as vsis ony kind of oisterlie or chainge, and mak reporte of thair delegens to the nixt conventioun; and anent the swyne, filthe, and fuilze, that ilk brugh set furth thair actis for removeing thairof and caus the samyn be put to executioun, and mak reporte of their delegens zeirle to the burrowis; and as to the heid attyre of wemen and vther habitis, the saidis commissioneris, for dyuerssis caussis, contenewis the samyn to forder deliberatioun, ordaneing ilk brugh to send thair best adwyse and counsale thairanent to the nixt conwentioun; and as to the wemen tawerneris, the saidis commissioneris ratefeis and apprewis the act maid thairanent in thair last conwentioun generall haldin at Selkirk, ordaneing ilk brugh to put the samyn to dew executioun and reporte thair delegens to the nixt conventioun; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. CUPAR, 4th July 1609.

11. The samyn day, anent the electioun of the maiestratis of the brugh of Sterling, mentionat in the general missiue and 14 act of the last conventioun, Walter Cowane thair commissioner producit ane attestatioun of thair last electioun under the subscriptioun of thair commoun clerk, quhilk being red and considerit be the saidis burrowis thay fynd the samyn is nocht agreable to the actis of parliament nor burrowis, and thairfoir decernis the said brugh in ane vnlaw of fourtie pundis; and ordanis the said brugh to mak thair nixt electioun conforme to the saidis actis and to produce the act thairof in autentik form to the nixt conwentioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis; and this to be ane heid of the missiue. Sterling vnlawit. Chairge Agent. Missiue.

12. The samyn day, anent the xvj act of the last conventioun concerning the brugh of Dumfreis, mentionat in the generall missiue, compeirit Thomas Rany, bailze, thair present commissioner, and declayrit that thai haid satisfeit the desyre of the said act and that the samyn sould be obseruit and keipit in all tymeis cumming. Dumfreis

13. The samyn day, comperit Iohnne Ryddell commissioner for the brugh of Ruglen, and for satisfeing of the xxv act of the last conventioun mentionat in the generall missiue, producit ane act of the depriwatioun of Dauid Rugleyne.

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Hamiltoun, cowpar in Leith, thair burges, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis and actis.

Quinto Iulij j^m vj^c ix^o.

Salmond, heyring. Iadgeis. Air. Glasgow. Missiue.

14. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris being conwenit, anent the xx act of the last conventioun, concerning the jadgeis of salmond and hering, mentionat in the generall missiue, the commissioneris of the brughis of Dumbartane, Irewin, and Renfrow declairit that thai haid conformit them selffis in making of thair barrellis of hering and salmond conforme to the tennour of the said act, and ordanis the brughis of Glasgow and Air to reporte thair delegence in wrytt to the nixt conwentioun in making of the saidis barrellis of hering and salmond conforme to the said act, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Statut. Commissioneris to parliamentis. Missiue.

15. The samyn day, anent the 34 act of the last conwentioun anent directioun of commissioneris to parliamentis, mentionat in the generall missiue, ordanis ilk brugh, zitt as of before, that quhen ony parliament sall happin to be to direct thair commissioneris without forder citatioun, be ressoun the samyn is knawin to the haill cuntrey, to conweyne at the place of parliament tua dayis before the first day of the samyn with sufficient commissioun, nocht onle in the mater of the parliament bot in the materis of the burrowis, to concur euerie ane with ane vther in all thingis that may tend to the weill of the realm and estait of burrowis, and that nane be absent thairfra nor depairt before the desoluing of the parliament, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li., and ordanis the commissioneris present to intyme this present ordenance to thair brughis at thair returneing hame, and that it be ane heid of the nixt missiue that ilk commissioner bring attestatioun of thair brugh that thai ar laufulle aduerteissit of this present ordenance quhairby thai pretend na ignorance, ilk brugh under the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., and the commissioneris conveneand at the parliament to haue powir to vnlaw the burrowis absent in ane vnlaw of xl li.

Dunbar Commissio. Edinbrugh. Hadingtoun. Northberuik. Missiue.

16. The samyn day, anent the [35] act of the last conventioun concerning the brugh of Dumbar, mentionat in the generall missiue, be the quhilk thai war accusit be the agent for suffering of vnfrement to pak and peill within thair boundis, William Hopper thair commissioner being present

denyit the samyn, and thairfoir assignis to the agent the fyft day of Iulij nixt in thair nixt generall conwentioun to preiff the samyn; and the brughis of Edinbrugh, Hadingtoun, Northeberuik, with the agent, to try at this nixt tak giff thai tak ony dewty of vnfremen and reporte thair delegence to the nixt conwentioun, ilk brugh vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and the brugh of Dumbar to reporte thair delegens to the nixt conwentioun in restrayning and pvnisching of the said vnfremen, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundrethe pundis; and this to be ane heid of the missiue. CUPAR, 5th July 1609.

17. The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Dunbar, zit as of before, to cum sufficientle instructit to the nixt conwentioun to ansuer to the complaint of the brugh of Lynlithgow for exacting of gritter customeis fra thair inhabitantis mair nor thai tak fra vther fre burgessis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue; and the said brugh to produce thair richtis quhairby thai vplift the saidis dewteis vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li. Lynlithgow contra Dunbar. Missiue.

18. The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Glasgow to compeir sufficientle instructit to ansuer to the complaint of Ranfrow, mentionat in the 26 act of the convention haldin at Dumbartane in anno 1607, and to the vther complaint mentionat in the 42 act of the last conventioun, and to the complaint of the brugh of Ruglein mentionat in the 29 act of the last conventioun; and the premissis to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Renfrow contra Glasgow. Missiue.

19. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun of the brugh of Brunteland mentionot in the 23 act of the last conventioun, craifand ane augmentatioun of thair dewteis of ancarageis and doksiller to the repairing and vphalding of their heawin and bulwarkis sua necessar and steidable to all trafficqueris, Patrik Greiff thair commissioner being present, his ressouns hard and considerit with the ressouns of the nixt adiacent burrowis, and thairwith being ryple adwyssit, the saidis commissioneris grantis thair guid will and licence to the said brugh of Brunteland to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of the ancarragis and dock siller following, to be tane of all schipis, creyaris, barkis, and boitis arryuand within thair said harbere, in and be all thingis as is vpliftit and ressauit be the brugh of Edinbrugh at thair port of Leith, that is to say, of ilk schip of threscoir twn and aboue, for ancarage and doksiller, tuenty thre s. iiij d., and of ilk schip of fourte twn saxtene schillingis aucht penneis for ancarage and doksiller, and of ilk schip or bark of tuenty twn and aboue threttene schillingis foure penneis for ancarage and doksiller, and of ilk creyar ten schillingis for ancarage Brunt Iland. Ancorage. Doksyluer.

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and doksiller; prowyding thai imploy the samyn to the said wark and mak zeirle compt to the burrowis sua oft as thai salbe requyrit, and the said Patrik in name of the said brugh consentit thairto; and the said ankarage and doksiller to be vpliftit and tane of all weschellis arryuand within thair said herbere quhither thai los or nocht.

Irwyne. Impost.

20. The samyn day, grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Irewin to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of the ankaragis and docksiller following, to be tane of all schipis, creyaris, barkis, and boitis arryuand within thair herbere at the trown laitlie coft and bigit be them; that is to say, of ilk schip of xl twn and aboue sex schillingis aucht penneis for ancarage and doksiller, off ilk schip betwixt tuenty and forty fyve s., item of ilk cowpping boitt tuentie penneis, item of ilk fische boitt aucht penneis, prowydeing thai imploy the samyn to the biging and vphalding of the said herbere and mak zerle compt to the burrowis sua oft as thai salbe requyrit.

Edinburgh. Fleschouris, Stirling, Innerkething.

21. The samyn day, anent the 26 act of the last conventioun, concerning the complaint of the deykin and bretherein of the fleschour craft of the brugh of Edinbrugh aganis the brughis of Innerkeything and Sterling, for refounding of thair expenssis maid in thair actioun before the Lordis of Sessioun and burrowis aganis the saidis tua brughis, the said deykin and bretherein of the fleschouris compeirand be Iohn Dauidsoun fleschour, and Walter Cowane commissioner of Sterling, and Henre Kinglassie commissioner of Innerkeything being present, thair ressouns hard and considerit, with the compt of the expenssis gevin in be the said deykin and thair bretherein, and thairwith being ryple adwyssit, the saidis commissioneris decernis and ordanis the saidis brughis of Sterling and Innerkeything to content and pay to the said deykin and bretherein the soume of nyne score pundis money for thair expenssis maid in the saidis actis betuixt this and the Feist of Zule nixt, provyding awayis that giff thai pay to the said deykin and brether the soume of fifte pundis ilk ane of them betuixt and Martymes nixt in that cais to be fre of the rest of the saidis expenssis.

Forfar, Dundie.

22. The samyn day, anent the xlv act of the last conventioun concerning the complaint of the brugh of Forfar contra the brugh of Dundy, mentionat in the generall missiue, in taking custome at thair portis of ilk hors laid littil or mekle foure penneis, thai haueing na rycht thairto, the saidis commissioneris with consent of William Goldman, commissioner of Dundy, dischargeis the said brugh of Dundy of all vplifting of the said dewty in

tyme cumming. Andro Hunter commissioner of Forfar was content that the said brugh of Dundy war lykwayis fre of payment of the lyk dewty at thair portis. CUPAR, 5th July 1609.

23. The samyn day, grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Sterling to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of the impost following for vphalding and repairing of thair calsay and brig, to indure for the space of nyne zeiris efter the dait thairof, viz., of ilk laid passand alangis the said brig, of vnfremen foure penneis, and of fremen tua penneis, and of ilk kow, ox, or hors cummand to be sauld ane penny, and of ilk score scheip foure penneis, vpoun compt to be maid to the burrowis of thair collectioun and imployment thairof to the vse foirsaid. Stirling. Impost.

24. The samyn day, grantis and geweis licence to the brugh of Kinghorne to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of the impost following for reparatioun of thair heawin and herbere of Kinghorne and Pettecur, to indure for the space of seven zeiris efter the dait thairof, that is to say, of ilk twn guidis loissit or layiditt at ony of the saidis herbereis tua schillingis, and the weschell tuelf penneis, and this of all sort of geir except lyme, sklaitt, and fre stane, quhilk is ordanit to be fre; item of ilk chalder wittuall dischairgit and loissit in ony of the saidis herbereis, tua s. at the incumming and tua s. at the outganing, of ilk chalder, and of the weschell tuelf penneis; item ane trey of ilk hundreth loissit or layiditt at ony of the saidis herbereis: prouyding the said brugh mak zeirle compt to the burrowis of thair collection and imployement thairof to the vse foirsaid. Kinghorne. Impost.

25. The samyn day, grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Peblis to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of the impost following, for repairing of thair calsay and brig, to indure for the space of nyne zeiris efter the dait thairof, viz., of ilk laid passand alangis the said brig of vnfremen foure penneis, and of fremen tua penneis; item, ilk kow, ox, or hors, cummand to be sauld j penny; ilk score scheip foure penneis; vpoun compt to be maid to the burrowis of thair collectioun and imployement thairof to the vse foirsaid. Peblis. Impost.

26. The samyn day, anent that heid of the missiue concerning the preiudice done to the estait of burrowis, be ane Inglisman resident at Leisbone in Portuigall in raysing and exacting of certane dewteis of Scotis schipis trafficquand [there], vnder pretence of ane counsallado, sic as he takes of the Inglis natioun for procuring and doing of thair effairis, as thai ar in- Consulado in Lisbon. Commissio. Edinbrugh, Brunt Iland, Dysart, Kirkcaldy, Anstruther.

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formit be ane missiue direct to the brugh of Edinbrugh be Sir Alexander Hay, Secretary of Scotland; and anent the supplicatioun gevin in be Gilbert Lamb, Iames Langlandis, Robert Sluis, Robert and Iames Lokvpeis, and Androw Keir, maisteris and skipperis of Leith, compleneand vpoun the said preiudice and desyrand that the saidis burrowis wald elect William Crawfurd, Scottisman, indueller in Leisbone, to be thair Counsalado: the saidis commissioneris efter lang ressoning vpoun the said mater, and vnderstanding that the said Inglisman takis ane ducatt off ilk Scotis schip and hes na forder cair of thair effaires bott rather hurtfull, and that it is necessar to thair trafficqueris in Portuigall to haue ane qualyfeit man resident thair to informe them of the lawis of that cuntrey and to assist them in all thair effaires and contrauerseis, conforme to the vse and custome of the Inglis and vther natiounis; and heiring of the guid reporte, qualificatioun, and behawiour of the said William Crawfurd, thairfoir thai haue agreit and consentit to elect and nominat the said William to the said office induring the will of the commissioneris of burrowis, and grantis vnto him the said dewty of ane ducatt to be tane of ilk Scotis schip arryuand in the saidis portis for his panis, and gewis powir and commissioun to the brughis of Edinbrugh, Brunteland, Dysart, Kirkcaldy, Anstruther Eister, or maist pairt of thame, to convene at sic tyme as thai sall fynd expedient, vpoun aduerteisement of the brugh of Edinbrugh, to confer and agree with him or sic as sall tak the burding for him and gif him his iniunctiounis, and all vther thingis concerning the said office that may tend to the weill of the natioun.

Agent. Vnfremen. Missiue.

27. The samyn day, Iames Wynraham, agent, producit the obligatiouns vnderwrittin, maid to him be the persouns following, that thai sall ceis fra the tred of merchandrice or than mak them selffis fre and haif thair residence in ane fre brugh royall as burgessis, that is to say, Iohn Keyth, Alexander Heroun, Thomas Makgie, and Donald Edzear, merchandis in Manygolff, ilk persoun vnder the pane of ane hundreth pundis; ane obligatioun maid be Fergus Makchertour, burges of Air and indweller in Manygoff, vnder the pane of v^{c} merkis; ane obligatioun maid be Iohn Coling, burges of Dumfreis ane indueller in Manygoff, vnder the pane of j^{c} li.; ane obligatioun maid be Gilbert Mure in Stranawer, vnder the pane of j^{c} li.; ane obligatioun maid be Iohn Mwrdoch, burges of Wigtoun and indueller in Manygoff, vnder the pane of j^{c} li.; quhilkis obligatiounis war delyuerit to

the said Iames quhom thai ordane to caus register the samyn, rais lettres, and vplift the saidis penultyis, and be comptable to the burrowis thairfoir; and to be ane heid of the missiue.

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28. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the agent aganis the brughis of Sterling, Wigtoun, Innernes, Kirkcudbricht, for tollerating of outlandis burgessis and vnfremen be geveing them licence to tred and taking soumeis of money thairfoir, ordanis the said brughis to be warneit to the nixt conventioun to ansuer to the said complaint, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Agent contra Sterling, Wigtoun, Innernes, Kirkcudbricht. Missiue.

29. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the commissioner of Wigtoun, desireing the burrowis suppley for reparatioun of thair herbere and pleiding of thair caus aganis Stranawer and Ballanclach; and siclyk declairing that the brughis of Air permitis Gilbert Mwre and Fergus Makchortour for suffering thame to saill vnder thair fredome, the ane thairof duelland in Stranawer and the vther in Manygoff; and the brugh of Kirkcudbricht for tollerating Manygoff to keep ane oppin merkett and selling all kynd of wairis thairat: the saidis commissioneris ordanis the saidis brughis to be warneit to the nixt conventioun to ansuer to the saidis complaintis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and the premissis to be ane heid of the missiue.

Wigtoun contra Air, Kirkcudbricht. Missiue.

30. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Tayne aganis the brugh of Innernes for suffering vnfre trafficqueris and vnfremen duelling at the Kirktoun of Annes within thair liberteis, and ressaueing of fyve of them fourty merk the persoun, with ane zerle dewty of them and vtheris for suffering them to tred: ordanis the said brugh to be warneit be the general missiue to ansuer to the said complaintis and to cum instructit to ansuer thairto, pane xx li. ilk brugh, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Thayne contra Innernes. Missiue.

31. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris hes exemit and exems the brughis of Breichin, Kilrany, Innernes, Forfar, fra all conwentiouns generall for the space of thre zeiris, prouyding thai send to ilk conventioun generall with the commissioner of the nixt brugh thair autentic lettre of ratefecatioun of all thingis to be done in the said conventioun, with the clerk and agent feis and all vther soumeis quhilk thai salbe fund awand to the burrowis, vtherwayis thai to be vnlawit as absentis; and thir presentis nocht to be extendit incais the said brugh be warneit at the instance of ony vther brugh.

Exemptiounis. Breicheyne, Kilraynie, Innernes, Forfar.

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Craill. Missiue.

32. The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Craill to reporte thair exact delegens in restrayning and pvnisching of vnfremen, packeris of hering and fische in the haikis and Randersoun beawin within thair liberty, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Edinbrugh contra Dundie. Missiue.

33. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Rychart Doby, William Patersoun, William Ray, and dyuerssis vtheris, aganis the brugh of Dundy for vplifting and exacting fra them of customeis and dewteis for thair guidis transportit throw thair brughis allanerle, nocht making merkett, contrair the actis of burrowis, ordanis the said brugh to be warneit to the nixt convention to ansuer to the said complaint; and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Anstruther Eister. Missiue.

34. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the brugh of Anstruther Eister craifeing the lyk ancaragis and dock siller as is grantit in this conventioun to the brugh of Brunteland and the brugh of Pittinweyme, craifing the lyk, ordanis the samyn to be ane heid of the nixt missiue, and ilk brugh to cum instructit to gif ansuer thairinto.

Sexto Iulij j^{m} vj^{c} ix^{o}.

Dumbartane. Taxatioun. Missiue. Commissio. Edinbrugh.

35. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris being convenit anent the mater of the taxatioun of Dumbartane, concerning the heiring and futeing of thair comptis of the soumeis alreddy deburssit vpouu the wark, mentionat in the generall missiue and [40] act of the last conwentioun: efter conference with Thomas Fallisdaill and ressoneing with him thairanent, findis the comptis presentit be him to be verray imperfyte seing thai war in skrollis and nocht in ane buik, and thairfoir ordanis the said Thomas for him selff and taking the burding vpoun him for Iohn Semple his colleg, to bring and produce in mair perfyte forme thair saidis comptis quhilk thai sould haue producit at this conwentioun to the Counsale of Edinbrugh betuixt and the first day of Nouember, to be sichtit, correctit, and examenit be the said brugh, and the said brugh of Edinbrugh to mak reporte thairof to the nixt conwentioun, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue, and the saidis Thomas Fallisdaill and Iohn Semple to be present at the nixt conwentioun with thair saidis comptis.

36. The samyn day, ordanis the brughis of Cowper, Sanctandrois, and

Craill, to tak and haif ane furlett fra the brugh of Lynlithgow and conforme thair metis thairto betuixt and the last day of August nixt, and appointis the brughis of Perthe [and] Dundy to direct thair commissioneris vpoun aduerteisement of the saidis brughis to sie the samyn done and reporte thair delegens thairvpoun to the nixt conventioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li.; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Cupar, 6th July 1609. Furlett, Cowper, Craill. Missiue. Sanctandrois.

37. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Cowper contrair the brugh of Sanctandrois, for exacting of thair nichtbouris tuelf penneis of ane laid geir quhair thai payit newer of auld mair nor four penneis, ordanis the said brugh to be warneit to ansuer to the said complaint; and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Cowper contra Sanctandrois. Missiue.

38. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brugh of Sanctandrois contrair the brugh of Cowper, for exacting fra thair nichtbouris gritter customeis nor thai haue bene in vse thir dyuerssis zeiris bygane, ordanis the said brugh to be warneit to ansuer to the said complaint vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.; and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Sanctandrois contra Cowper. Missiue.

39. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris, for dyuerssis caussis and consideratiounis moveing thame, remitis to the brugh of Elgyne the vnlaw of xx li., quhilk thai incurrit at the last conventioun for being absent thairfrom, and ordanis the samyn to be allowit to Iames Wynraham in his comptis.

Elgyne, Agent.

40. The samyn day, grantis and gewis licence to the brugh of Dumfreis to impetrat of our soueran lord ane gift of the impost following, to indure for the space of sevin zeiris nixt efter the dait thairof, for reparatioun of thair rwnyneous brig, viz., of ilk pack tua schillingis, ilk hors ane schilling four penneis, ilk kow ane schilling iiij d., ilk scheip tua penneis, ilk lamb ane penny, ilk pack skinnis tua schillingis, ilk daiker hyidis tuelf penneis, ilk bark threttene schillingis iiij d., ilk boitt laydnitt thre schillingis iiij d., prouyding the said brugh imploy the samyn to the reparatioun of the said brig and mak the burrowis compt as thai salbe requyrit.

Dunfreis. Impost.

41. The samyn day, ordanis it to be ane heid of the nixt missiue concerning the alteratioun of the extent roll of burrowis, ordaning ilk brugh to cum instructit thairinto.

Taxt roll, Missiue.

42. The samyn day,

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43. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the brugh of

Innerkething. Missiue.

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Innerkeything craifeing the burrowis suppley to the reparatioun of thair decayit herbere, the commissioneris contenewis thair ansuer thairto to the nixt conventioun, and ordanis the samyn to be ane heid of the missiue.

Statute. Jadgeing and wrakking of heyring. Missiue.

44. The samyn day, haifing red and considerit the actis of parliament maid be our souerane lord anent the messouris of salmond, hering, and quhyt fische, and anent the fre portis to the quhilk the samyn sould be brocht; as alsua anent the jadge standart and principall staple thairof, att lenth specyfeit and contenit in the actis of his majesteis fourt and aucht parliamentis, togidder with the xx act of the last conventioun haldin at Selkirk and dyuerssis vtheris actis of burrowis maid conforme thairto: for the better executioun of the saidis actis the saidis commissioneris of burrowis hes thocht expedient, statute and ordanit, thatt all cowperis sall mak thair hering barrellis ticht, stark, and sufficient treyis, according to the messour of Edinbrugh fra quhome thai sall ressaue the jadge thairof, and the samyn treyis to be weill proportionat and weill girdit and merkitt with the cowperis merk that makis the samyn; and that all hering and quhytt fische be saltit with grit salt and brocht hame to the fre burrowis allanerle, and nane to be transportit furth of the realm quhill thai be packit, wraikit, and merkett as followis, nor zitt sauld nor dantit quhill thai cum to the said fre portis and thair to be all tane vp and packit agane; and nane to be packit bot sufficient hering full of melt and rowins haifing heids and taillis and onbrokin in ony pairt and without all blameis, and the barrellis sua packit to be brunt with the byrne yrne of the brugh quhair thai arrywitt and was packett; and for doing thairof that ilk brugh appoint honest vesetouris and jadgearis within thair brugh and for quhome thai salbe ansuerable according to the saidis actis of parliament; for the quhilk seruice to be done be the saidis vesetouris and jadgeris the saidis commissioneris of burrowis grantis and gewis vnto them the soume of threttene schillingis four penneis to be tane of ilk last vesetit, wrackit, jadget and brunt be thame. It is alsua statute thatt the Lambes hering tane within the firthe salbe brunt with the lettre P for Prymior and F for Firthe, and the Schyitland hering with the samyn letter P with S for Schyitland, by the said covper and touns merk, and the wrak hering and insufficient to haue na merk, and thatt na peill hering be brocht hame vnder the pane foirsaid, and that na Firth hering or Schyitland hering be packatt or mixit in a barrell with Yleis hering vnder sic pecuniall or corporall panis as the maiestratis maye iniouyne of law,

besyid the damnage and entres of the pairteis haifing entres; siclyk that nane pas to the trech quhair hering ar slane to by them thair before thai cum to the herberis foirsaidis; and ordanis ilk brugh haifing ane sey porte to mak dew intimatioun of the saidis acts of parliament and actis of burrowis to thair haill inhabitantis and of this present act and tak the extract heirof to that effect that nane pretend ignorance, and reporte sufficient attestatioun in wrytt of thair delegence thairanent to the nixt generall conventioun vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li. to be payit to the saidis burrowis; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. CUPAR, 6th July 1609.

45. The sam day, ordanis Iames Wynraham, agent, to pay to Iohnn Nesbett the soume of fourty pundis for the vnlaw of Cowper and Muntros assignet to him at the conventioun of Dumbartane quhilk sall be allowit in his comptis, in respect the said Iames resauet the said vnlawes. Precept, Agent. Nesbett.

46. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris grantis and geveis licence to the brugh of Pittinweyme to impetrat of our souerane lord ane gift of the impost and dewteis following, for reparatioun of thair heawin and herbere, and to indure for the space of sevin zeiris nixt efter the dait of the said gift, thatt is to say: of ilk last hering fyve schillingis, ilk twn wyne fyve schillingis, ilk twn salt tua schillingis, ilk last takill fyve schillingis, ilk last lynt fyve schillingis, ilk last hemp thre schillingis, ilk last vly sex schillingis aucht penneis, ilk chalder wittuall passand afe the cuntrey sex schillingis aucht penneis, and returneing within the cuntrey tua schillingis viij d., ilk last pick and tar thre schillingis, ilk thowsand salt fische sex schillingis aucht penneis, ilk thowsand dry fysche foure schillingis, of ilk hundreth of all tymber ane, ilk chalder small salt tua schillingis; and this impost to be vpliftit of all the guids aboue written quhilk sall happin to be loissit or laydit at the said heawin or herbere; prouyding the said brugh bestow the said impost to the vse foirsaid and mak zerle compt to the burrowis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., to be payit to the burrowis. Pittynweyme. Impost.

47. The samyn day, ordanis Iames Wynraham, agent to the burrowis, to pay to Iames Andersoun, clerk of this brugh, the sum of tuenty pundis for directing and writting the missiueis, and the samyn salbe allowit in his comptis. Precept, Agent. Andersoun.

48. The samyn day, desertis and dissoluis this present conventioun and appointis and affixis thair nixt generall conventioun to be begun and haldin Nixt Conventioun.

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at the brugh of Craill the thrid day of Iulij j^{m} sex hundreth ten zeiris, ordaining thair present commissioner to intyme the samyn to thair brugh to the effect missiueis may be direct in dew tyme.

Patrik Glasfurd moderatour.
Patrick Greif.
Thomas Watsoun.
Iames Andersoun.
Iohne Forret for Culros.
Robert Phillane.
Hew Scott.
Andro Hunter.
Iames Boiswell.
D. Andersone.
William Stevensoun.
William Dersy.
Walter Ros for Tayne.
Iohnne Mekill for Kirkcudbricht.
William Ramsay.
Ihone Dikesoune.
Williame Hopper.
Thomas Lauder.
Dauid Lindesay.
Alexander Peirsoun for Edinbrugh.
George Foulis for Edinbrugh.
Constantine Malice for Perth.
W. Goldman for Dondy.
Thomas Forbes, Aberdein.
Mr Wm. Russell.
Walter Cowane.
Dauid Symsone, Dysartt.
Gilbert Mwre.
Patrik Broune, Hadingtoune.
Dauid Hutchoun, Kirkcaldy.
Iohne Makesoun.
Harie Kynglasie.
W. Somervell.
Iohne Fallisdaill, Dumbartane.
Thomes Ranyng.
William Campbell.
Michael Cocherane.

CRAIL, 3d July 1610.

In the Generall Conventioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the burgh of Craill the thrid day of Iulij j^{m} vj^{c} and ten yeirs, comperit the Commissioners of the said Burrowes vnderwrittin, and producit thair commissiouns as followis:

EDINBRUGH, Alexander Peirson, George Foulis; Perth, Iames Adamsone and Henrie Elder, clark; Dundie, William Goldman, Mr Alexander Wadderburne; Aberdein, Alexander Rutherfuird, provest; Glasgow, Mathow Fleming; Sanctandrois, Mr William Russell, advocat; Inerkething,

Henrie Kinglassie; Stirling, Iohn Scherear, Iohn Williamsone; Linlithgow, Robert Mairteyne; Air, George Cochrane; Hadingtoune, Herie Cokburne, provest; Kirkcaldie, Dauied Hutchesone; Montrose, William Ramsay, provest; Cowper, William Crystesone; Craill, Iohne Makesone, Alan Cunninghame; Bruntiland, Robert Clark; Kinghorne, Iames Kay; Anstrudder Waster, William Dairsey; Kilraynie, be thair exemptione and ratificatione producit be Anstrudder Eister; Dumferling, Robert Fillane; Pitinweyme, William Borthuik; Dumbar, Iohne Mure, William Hoppar; Northberwik, George Baillie; Lauder, (*blank*); Dumbartoun, Archibald Cunninghame; Ramfrou, William Sommervell; Irewin, Hew Scott; Wigtoun, Archibald Tailefeir; Iedburgh, Maister Iohne Rutherfuird; Dumfreis, Thomas Renning; Lanark, be thair ratificatione; Kirkcudbricht, Iohne Meikill; Selkirk, be thair exemptione producit be Iames Wynrahame; Culrose, Iohne Forret; Dysert, David Simpsone; Anstrudder Eister, Thomas Watsone; Quhithorne, Iohne Makgoune, provest; Peblis, Iohne Dikesone; Rugleine, be thair exemptione; Forfar, William Scott; Brichane, David Lindsay, yonger; Arbroth, David Auchterlonie; Inernes, Robert Montcreif; Elgine, Duncan Leslie; Thayne, Iohne Makculloe; Bamf, Maister Alexander Craig; Rossay, be thair exemptione producit be Ramfrou; Forres, Thomas Urquhart; Culane, Iames Lautie; Nairne, (*blank*); Annand, David Miller; Lochmabin, (*blank*); Sanchire, William Hislop. CRAIL, 3d July 1610.

1. The samin day, the saidis commissioneris after resoneing vpoun the electione of the moderator, and finding that Iohne Makiesone clark of this present burgh of Crail was first in commissione, thairfor they nominatit and electit him moderator during the tyme of this present conventione, quha acceptit the samin and gaif his aith *de fideli administratione.* Moderator.

2. The samin day, the saidis commissioneris appointis the houris of thair conventione to be and begin at aucht houris in the morning to sitt quhill tuelf, and to meitt agane at tua after noone and to sitt till sex att evening, and the absents att the calling of the rollis to pay ane unlaw of sex schillingis, *toties quoties*, and statutis that nane presume to speik without licence of the moderator, nether zitt mixt thair ressoning with voting for trubling this conventione, under the pane of (*blank*). Conventione.

3. The samin day, the commissioner of this present burgh of Craill verefeit the laufull citatione of the burrowis to this present conventione be Citatione.

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the delyverance of the missiues directit be thame thairto maid be Thomas Findar, post, being personallie present, with productione of his book of citatione, and thairvpoun askit instruments.

Regraiters, forstallers, outland burgessis, etc. Missiue.

4. The samin day, anent the mater of the restraining and punisching of unfriemen, outlande burgessis, regraiters, forstallers, and sailairs without tickets, mentionat in the generall missiue and 7 act of the last conventione, having examinat the diligence of the maist pairt of the burrowis quha had onye sic personis within thair liberteis, ordeans, zitt as befor, ilk burgh to schaw and produce the nixt generall convention thair farder diligence in writt of restraining and punisching of the saidis unfrie men, sailairs, tredderis, outland burgessis, regraiters, and forstallers, with the mames of the persones offenders and the placis quhair thai duell, ilk burgh under the payne of ane unlaw of tuentie pund; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Elgine. Missive.

5. The samin day, Duncan Leslie, commissionar for Elgine, confessit and grantit that thair persones, videlicet: Andro Schand in Carnoch, Walter Adam thair, Iohne Richardsone thair, duellis within thair liberteis being unfrie and vsing the libertie of the burgh, and thairfor the saidis commissioners ordeans the said burgh of Elgine to produce exact diligence be proces of law at the leist in restraining and punisching of the said persones and all uthers to the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Perth.

6. The samin day, the commissionars of the burgh of Perth producit thair diligence aganis William Andersone thair outland burges, conform to the sevent act of the last conventione, and thairvpon askit instruments.

Air.

7. The samin day, anent the nynt act of the last conventione concerning the burgh of Air, for trying and punisching Iohne Levingstoune and Iames Makcaddum thair burgessis for thair unlawful traid at Sanct Iohnis clauchane, the present commissioners of the said burgh producit thair act of court quhair they had callit the said personis befor thame and putt thame under cautione to desist and seis under divers paines, and thairfor findis the said act to be satisfeit.

Innes. Signes Filth, &c. Missive.

8. The samin day, anent the 10 act of the last conventione and heid of the missive concerning bigging of innes, having of singis, removing of filth (and) fulzie [and] sueine, and putting the act of burrowis maid at Selkirk to executione anent the women taverners, ordeans ilk burgh to produce to the nixt generall conventione thair diligence in moving of thair nichtbours

to big commoun innes according to thair abilitie, and in caussing thair inhabitants to sett furth and have decent signis at thair housis and speciallie sic as vsis hostellarie and chaynge, and in purging thair streittis from filth fulzie and sueine, and in taking order with the said women taverners; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Craill, 3d, 4th July 1610.

9. The samin day, anent the fourtent act of the last conventione, concerning the brughis of Glasgow and Air in observing the act of burrowis for thair barrels of hering and salmond, in respect the commissioners of burgh war absent at the last conventione, thairfor ordeans thame to extract the act of the last conventione concerning the samin and to report thair diligence the nixt conventione in observing thairof, under the payne of (*blank*); and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Glasgow. Air. Missive.

10. The samin day, anent the fyvetent act of the last conventione, mentionat in the generall missive, concerning the intimatione of the acts of burrowis anent the convening and directing of commissioners to parliaments and conventions of staits and burrowis, ilk commissioner declarit he had maid laufull intimatione thairof, lyk as the soum and effect thairof was comprehendit in the said missive that nane sould pretend ignorance. Commissionars. Parliament. Conventions.

11. The samin day, ordeans the burghis of Cowper, Sanctandrois, and Craill, tak and reseave from the burgh of Linlithcoe the iust auld measur of the firlett and conform them selfs thairto, conform to the 36 act of the last conventione, and the said burgh of Linlithcoe to ansuer thame thairof betuix and the last day of August nixt under the payne of ane unlaw of ane hundreth pund and mak report thairof at the nixt conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Couper. Sanctandrois. Craill. Missiue.

12. The samin day, ordeans ilk burgh having ane sie port to tak ane extract of the fourtiefour act of the last conventione and report thair diligence of conforming thame self thairto, concerning the measurs, jadging and wraking of hering and salmond and paking the samin, under the payne of tuentie pund. Hering, Salmond. Missive.

Quarto Iulij 1610.

13. The quhilk day, the commissionars of burrouis forsaidis being convenit, anent the mater of the burgh of Sanctandrois mentionat in the Sanctandrois. Missiue.

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generall missive and aucht act of the last conventione at Cowper, for suffering of unfrie men, and specialle of Maister Hew Myles and David Methwen, to vse traid and hald buithes in selling and copping of merchandice at the kirks of Kettele and Cleich be thame selfis thair servants, factors, and freinds in thair names, outwith the said burgh, being at lenth ressonit be the commissioners above written, they find that the said burgh of Sanctandrois hes done na laufull diligence in punisching the said Maister Hew Myles and David Methwen for keipping of buiths and selling of waires at the kirks of Kettele and Cleich according to the said act maid in the last conventione haldin at Cowper, and thairfor findis that the said burgh of Sanctandrois hes incurrit the penultie contenit in the said last act maid att Cowper, extending to tuentie punds, by and attour the last penultie and unlaw of fourtie punds quhairin the said citie was convict at the said burgh of Coupar of befor; and becaus it is notour and manifest to the saids commissioners that the said Maister Hew Myles and David Methven hes transgrest the actis of burrowis in selling and copping of merchandice at the saids kirks be thame selfis thair factors and freindis divers tymes, thairfor ordeans the magistrats of the citie of Sanct Androis to convein the said personis befor thame and to exact greatt penalteis of thame for that wrang, and to report thair diligence thairanent in the nixt generall conventione of the said burrouis under the payne of ane hundreth pundis, besyd the payment of the uther unlaw above specifeit; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Stirling. Missiue.

14. The sam day, anent the allevint act of the last conventione concerning the burgh of Stirling for electione of thair magistrats, findis that they have done na diligence in conforming of the electione of thair magistrats to the acts of parliament and actis of burrowis, and thairfor decernis and ordeans thame to pay to the agent the penultie contenit in the last act maid at Cowper, extending to ane hundreth punds; and ordeans the said burgh of Stirling at the tyme of the nixt electione of thair magistratis to mak the said electione conforme to the actis above writtin, under the payne of tua hundreth pundis; and that the samin may be mair convenientlie done, ordeanes the agent to rais letters and charges of horning at the instance of the said burrowis at his instance as thair agent againes the electors of the said magistrats, and that the said agent sall be present at the nixt electione and note and mark sic of the said electors as refusis to agrie to this present ordinance, and that he caus denunce the dissobeiars our souer-

ane lordis rebellis and putt thame to his hienes horne, and that he report his diligence thair anent the nixt conventione vpoun the toun of Stirling thair expensis; and the saids commissioners upon the expectatione that the said burgh of Stirling at thair nixt electione sall conforme thame selfis to this present ordinance suspendis the uptaking of the penultie and unlaw now incurrit be thame to the nixt generall conventione; and ordeans the clerk to wrytt ane ansuer to the letter direct to the said commissionars be Maister Patrik Simpsone minister at the said burgh declaring quhat cair they have to hald the inhabitants of that burgh in peace and concord; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

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15. The samin day, anent the heid of the missive concerning the compt to be maid be Iames Winraham, agent, of the soumes contenit in certain obligations maid to him be sundrie unfrie men, according to the tuenty seven act of the last conventione, the said agent producit ane neu obligatione maid be the Laird of Larg and William M'Kie anent the payment to the said agent of the soum of ellevin hundreth markis befor the tent day of Iulie instant for the said agent his diligence anent that mater, quhilk being sein and considerit be the said commissionars thay ordean the said agent to caus registrat the said obligatione with all diligence and to rais and caus execut letters of horning thairvpoun, and be thir presentis declars that it is thair willis that the said agent reseave and uptak the haill soum contenit in the said obligatione both principall and expenses bot defalcatione; and ordeans the agent as of befor to caus execut of neu letters raisit of befor aganis thame with all rigor, and to report his diligence the nixt conventione; and that to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Agent. Vnfriemen. Larg. Missiue.

16. The sam day, ordeans the burghis of Irewing and Kirkcudbricht to produce sufficient diligence in the nixt conventione in the persewing and punisching of unfrie traffequars within thair boundis and liberteis, under the payne of ane hundreth pundis to be uptane of the said burrowis and ilk ane of thame, and speciallie of the said burgh of Irwing becaus the burrowes of befor gave to the said burgh of Irwing in contributione fyve hundreth and threscor merks to that effect.

Irewing, Kirkcudbricht. Missiue.

17. The samin day, the said commissionars ordeans the act of parliament underwrittin, maid in favors of the frie royal burrowes in the parliament haldin at Edinburgh the ellevin day of August j^{m} sex hundreth and sevin zeirs, to be insert and registrat in this present buik of the actis of

Act of Parliament anent vnfremen and acts of burrowis.

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Conventione of Burrowes *ad futuram rej memoriam*, and the extract thairof to be given to sick as sall requyr the samin, of the quhilk act the tenor followis: In the Parliament haldin at Edinburgh the ellevint day of August the zeir of God ane thousand sex hundreth and seven zeirs, be vertew of our Soveran Lord his speciall commissione grantit to that effect under the Great Seill, of the daitt at his hieness Court of Theobaldis the threttein day of Iulie last bypast, 1607, our Soveran Lord and Estaits of his present Parliament ratifeis, approvis, and confirms all actis, lawis, decreitis, and privilegis grantit or given in favor of his hienes Frie Royall Burrowis; and considering the great hurt and skaith daylie sustenit be the burgessis and inhabitantis of his maiesteis royall burrowis, quha underlyis and beiris all burdings imposit vpon the estait of burrowes in all his majesteis services, throw the continuall incres of unfrie traffiquars duelland in dyvers pairts of this realm, not being burgessis of the said royall burrowes, and never the les keips and haldis oppin buithes, buyis and sellis merchandice and utherwayes uses the liberteis and privilegis of frie burgessis as gif they war burgessis and actuall residents within the said royal burrowis, in manifest defraud of our Soveran Lord his customes and to the preiudice of the liberteis of the saidis Fre Royall Burrowis: and thairfor ordeans and statutis that all unfrie persones, not beand actuall burgessis of the saidis frie royall burrowes quha beirs burding and payis taxt and stent to his Majestie, sall desist and seis fra vsing of ony traid of merchandice or of the liberteis and privelegis forsaids of the saidis free royall burrowis, vnder the paynes contenit in the actis of parliament maid anent unfrie traffiquars of befor; and that letters of horning be direct heirupon, chairging quhatsumever unfriemen and usurpers of the privilegis of the saidis burrowis to find sufficient cautione for obedience of this act, and als that letters of horning be direct upon all actis and decreittis of burrowis given at thair conventions betuix burgh and burgh and burgessis of frie burrowis, vpone ane simple chairge of ten dayes, without calling of pairtie.

Extractum de libro Actorum Parliamenti S. D. N. *Regis, per me dominum Joannem Skene de Curryhill, militem, Clericum Rotulorum Registri ac Consilij* S. D. N. *Regis, sub meis signo et subscriptione. Et sic subscribitur* JOANNES SKENE, *Clerk Register.*

Wigtoun. Missiue.

18. The samyn day, the saidis commissioners decernis and ordeans the

burgh of Wigtoun to produce the forme of the last electione of thair magistratis and counsall, and that they elect thair nixt magistratis and counsall conform to the actis of parliament and burrowis, and produce the samin at the nixt conventione generall, under the payne of ane hundreth pundis; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. CRAIL, 4th July 1610.

19. The samin day, anent the mater of the alteratione of the taxt roll, mentionat in the fourtie ane act of the last conventione, the saidis commissionars after lang ressoning, and for dyvers caussis and considerations moving thame, findis expedient and ordeans that the present extent roll of burrowis, as it was maid and sett doun at the conventione of Bruntiland in anno 1597, sall stand and continowe in the samin forme, sort, and effect as it is now, unalterit or changit, for the space of thrie zeirs nixt following the day and dait heirof. Taxt Roll.

20. The samin day, grantis and gefis licence to the commissionars of the burghs of Forres and Culane to depairt fra this present conventione for doing of thair urgent and necessar effairis, they subscryvand thir present actis at Edinburgh. Forres. Culane.

21. The samin day, anent the complents of the burghs of Ranfrow and Rugline contra Glascow, mentionat in the 18 act of the last conventione and dyvers actis maid of befor, quhilk hes bein ane heid of sundrie former missives and actis, both the pairteis being present, the commissionars continuis the decisione of the said complent vnto the nixt generall conventione with consent of pairteis, quhom they ordean to cum sufficientlie instructit with thair clames, defensis, ansuers, richts, probations, that iustice may be ministrat vnto thame, ilk ane of thame under the payne of tuentie punds; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Renfrow. Rugline, contra Glasgow. Missiue.

22. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Iames Wynrahame, agent, agains Stirling, Wigtoun, Inernes, for the tolerating of outland burgessis and unfrie men, be given thame licence to traid and taking soumes of monye thairfor: continuis the decisione thairof, with consent of pairteis, to the nixt generall conventione, and ilk pairtie to cum sufficientlie instructit, ilk partie under the payne of tuentie punds; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Agent contra Sterling, Wigtoun, Innernes. Missiue.

23. The samin day, anent the complent of Wigtoun contrair Air, for permitting Gilbert Mure and Fergus Makchortar to saill under thair friedome, the ane duelland at Stranrawer the uther at Monygoof, both the Wigtoun contra Air. Missiue. Kirkcudbricht.

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pairteis being present, thair ressonings hard and considerit: the saids commissionars of burrowes ordeans the said burgh of Air to produce to the nixt conventione generall thair diligence in dischairging the saids personis to traid in maner forsaid, or els testifeing that they ar actuall induellars of thair burgh, and the meyne tyme to stay thame fra sailing quhill they be residentis, and bring attestatione thairof to the burrowes, under the payne of ane unlaw of ane hundreth pundis; and siklyk ordeans the burgh of Kirkcudbricht that they suffer not thame nor na uther unfriemen to schipp at thair port under the payne forsaid; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Thayne contra Innernes. Missiue.

24. The samin day, anent the complaint of Thayne contrair Inernes, mentionat in the generall missive and 30 act of the last convention: continuis the samin with consent of pairteis to the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Edinburgh contra Dundie. Missiue.

25. The samin day, anent the complaint of Richard Dobie and William Patersone and William Ray and dyvers uther thair againes Dundie, for taking of custome of thair guids transportit thruch Dundie onlye, the commissionars of Edinburgh compirand for the persewers and the commissionars of Dundie for the said burgh, quha grantit that they tak aucht penneis of ilk pak at thair portis and alledgit that they do na wrong, be reasone thir infeftment standand with continuall possessione: the saidis commissionars of burrowis continuis the said mater to the nixt conventione generall, and ordeans the burgh of Edinburgh to caus the principall pairteis compeir, or ane sufficient power for thame; and the said burgh of Dundie to produce thair richts, under the payne of tuentie pundis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Dunbar. Agent. Missiue. Commissio. Edinburgh, Hadingtoun. Northberuik.

26. The samin day, anent the complaint of Iames Winraham, agent, agains the burgh of Dumbar, for suffering unfrie men to pak and peill within thair liberteis, both the saidis pairteis being present, the commissionar of Dumbar denyit the samin; and thairfoir the saidis commissionars continuis the said mater to the nixt conventione generall, and ordeans the said agent to prove the contents of his complaint, and in the meyne tyme that the said burgh of Dumbar indevor thame selfis with all diligence to stop and imped all vnfrie men to pak or peill within thair liberteis and in speciall at this [nixt] tak of the hering, and report thair diligence in writt in trying stopping of the said unfrie personis and punisching of

thame, at the nixt generall conventione, under the payne of twa hundreth punds, to be payit to the said burrowis, without favor; and that the burghs of Edinburgh, Hadingtoun, Northberwk, with the agent, tak diligent tryall at this nixt tak of hering gif the said burgh of Dumbar takis dewtie fra the said unfrie men, suffers or tolerats thame to traid within thair liberteis, and mak report of thair diligence thairinto at the nixt general conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

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27. The samin day, ordeans the burgh of Pitinweyme to dischairge, stop, and impeid William Sudderland elder and yonger, David Ramsay, and all uther unfrie men, to traid in thair burgh or vse the libertie of frie men, or els that they caus thame that ar frie to remain within thair burgh and tak cautione thairvpon, and to reporte thair diligence the nixt generall conventione, under the payne of twentie pund, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Pittinweyme. Missiue.

28. The samin day, grantis and gifis licence to the burgh of Aberdein to impetrat of our soveran lord the impost and dewtie following, for reparatione of thair heavin and harbarie, to indure for the space of fyvetein zeiris: that, is to say, of ilk tune guidis lost in the said heavin to tak and have twa schillings at the entrie, and at the ledning and outgoing twa schillings, and of the veschell twelf penneis for the tune at the entrie and twelf penneis at the outgoing; and this of all sort of guids except lyme, sklait, and frie stane; provyding alwayes that the bestow the said impost vpon reparatione of thair harbeire, and mak zeirlie compt to the burrowis, under the payne of ane vnlaw of twentie pundis to be payit to the burrowis.

Aberdeyne. Impost.

29. The samin day, the saidis commissioners of burrowis grantis and gifis licence to the burrowis following to abyd and remain fra the generall conventiones of burrowes, eximand thame fra all keping thairof for the spaice and vpon the conditiones and provisions following: to witt, the burghs of Forres, Thayne, Quhithorne, Invernes, for the spaice of fyve zeiris; Bamf, Culane, for seven zeiris; Jedburgh, benorth Forth, alennerlie, thrie zeir; Sanchyr, seven zeiris; Irewin for thrie zeiris, benorth Forth; Annand for seven zeiris; Lawder for thrie zeiris, benorth Forth; provyding alwayes that the said burghs send with the commissioner of the nixt adiacent burgh thair ratificatione and approbatione, autenticle subscryvit, of all things to be done in the saidis conventiones, zeirlie, during the saidis zeiris, at ilk generall conventione, with all soumes that they aucht to pay

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to the burrowes for thair servantis; and thir exemptionis not to be extendit to the parliaments and conventions of estaits, nor quhair onye of the saids brughs ar citat for onye particular caus or at the instance of onye particular pairtie, and also with provisione that they bestow the expensis that they sould have bestowit upon thair commissioners vpon commoun warkis, and to be comptabell thairof to the burrowis.

Montrose contra Abirdeyne. Missiue.

30. The samin day, anent the complaint of the burgh of Montrose contrair the burgh of Aberdein, for exacting of ane excyce bow of all salt and victuall fra the nichtboures of the said burgh of Montrose, againes the ordinance of burrowis maid in the contrair that na frie burgh sall pay onye excyce bow, as is alledgit, William Ramsay provest of the said burgh of Montrose and Alexander Rutherfurd provest of Aberdeyne being present, quha alledgit that he cam not instructit in the said mater: the saidis commissioners of burrowes continuis the said complaint to the nixt generall conventione, and ordeans both the pairties to cum sufficientlie instructit with thair richtis and informatione, under the payne of twentie pund, and with certificatione the said burrowes will proceid and administer iustice as accordis; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Sanctandrois, Couper. Missive.

31. The samin day, anent the complaint of Cowper agains Sanctandrois, for exacting fra tham twelf penneis of ane laid of geir quhair the payit bot four penneis of auld; and siklyk anent the complaint of Sanctandrois contrair Couper for exacting fra thair nichtbouris gritter customes nor they have bein in vse thir dyvers zeirs bygain, the commissioners of both the burrowis being present: the saids commissioners conteneuis the sam to the nixt generall conventioun, and ordains ilk burgh to cum sufficiently instructit; and this to be ane heid of the next missiue.

Northberwik. Missiue.

32. The samyn day, continuis the supplicatione of the burgh of Northberwik to the nixt conventione, cravand support to thair harberie, and ordeans to be ane heid of the next missive.

Dumbar. Missiue.

33. The samin day, anent the supplicatione of the burgh of Dumbar, craving licence for ane impost to tak of everie dreave boit, for all the space and seasone of thair remaining with thame during thair draive in tyme of fischeing, as ane anchorage, twentie schillings for ilk boitt, to be imployit vpon the reparatione of thair harberie, and of everie crear sua oft as they sall transport anye guides to thair fisching ten shillings, and of everie schipp comming in thair harbarie threttein schillings four penneis, and this to con-

tinow for the space of seven zeiris: quhilk supplicatione, with ane letter of recommendation direct to the said burrowis fra the Lord of Dumbar, being red and considerit: the saidis commissioners of burrowis continuis the said mater to the nixt generall conventione, and ordeans ilk burgh to send thair commissionar sufficientlie instructit to gif answer thairto; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. CRAIL, 4th, 5th July 1610.

34. The samin day, findis that, in the particular conventione haldin at Bruntiland in August j^{m} vj^{c} and sex zeiris, thair was ane dewtie of ten schillings gritt grantit to my Lord Conservator to be takin be him of ilk burges son, and he that mareis ane burges dauchter, att his first voyage to the Law Contreyis, and of all uther merchants and new intrants twentie schillings gritt, quhilk was done for taking away the superfluus chairges att heid waschings: thairfor they desyr that his lordschip, (being personallie present), dischairge, stopp, and impeid the said heids wasching in tyme cumming, and his lordschip declarit that he nor his deputtis compellis nor sall compell nane thairto, and if onye complains that he is compellit his lordship sall caus thame be repairit thairof. Conseruator. Heids wesching. Statute.

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35. The quhilk day, the saids commissioners being convenit, anent the complent maid to thame be George Cunninghame merchant burges of Edinburgh agains Sir Robert Denninstoun of Montioy knicht, Conservator, and his deputtis, quha compellit his monye being in his bulgett to contribute with the guids that was cassin, both the saids parteis being present, thair ressons hard and considerit: the saids commissioners of burrowes finds that nae monye sould contributt with onye guids cassin bot onlye customabill guids, and that my lord Conservator did wrang in compelling the said George his monye to contributt, and thairfor ordeans my lord Conservator caus his deputts to doe iustice to the said compleanir for restoring of the scatt of his monye according to this act. Cunninghame contra Conseruatour, Statute, skatting of money.

36. The sam day, anent the questione movit vpon the ranking of the burrowis: continues the decisione thairof to the nixt generall conventione, and ilk burgh to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructit for decyd- Burrowis. Ranking.

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ing thairof, exceptand alwayes thame that ar alreddie rankit; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Dumbartane. Sempill. Fallisdaill. Missiue.

37. The samin day, anent the mater of the compts of Iohne Simpell and Thomas Fallisdaill, vplifters of the taxatione grantit be the estaits to the burgh of Dumbartane, mentionat in the generall missive and 35 act of the last conventione, the saids personis comperand producit thair compts of thair resaitt and debursments in tyme bygaine, quhilk the saids commissioners ordeans to remayne in the clarkis hands and thane to be tryit and controllit; and in tyme cumming ordeans thame to gif upp ane particular compt ilk Saterday at nicht of thair haill debursments vpone materialis and workmans feyis to the personis following, videlicet: Peter Houstoun, Iohne Fallisdaill, Walter Watsone, clerk, Archibald Cunninghame, and Iohne Auchinrose; and that they desyr the saids personis to be present ilk oulk at the payment of the saidis workmenis feyis; and lykwayes that they mak na blok nor bargane for timber or uther materials necessar for that work without consent of the personis above writtin or onye thrie of thame; and siklyk that they tak the consent of the saids persons, at the lest of thrie of thame, to the hyring and condusing of workmen, and in all thingis concerning the said work; and that they report in the nixt generall conventione thair haill compts, subscryvit be the saidis persons or the maist pairt of thame, with thair testimonial testifeing the haill premissis to have bein precislie observit, and in cais the failzie thair haill compts sall be declarit to be insufficient, and the saids personis chairgit with the payment of thair haill intromissione; quhilk act was presentlie read to the said Iohne and Thomas quha consentit thairto, and was ordenit to tak ane extract thairof for thair better informatione.

Statute. Staipill. Missiue.

38. The samin day, anent the article presentit be my lord conseruator, bearing that dyvers Scottis merchants, agains the actis of burrowis, hald transportit thair guids fra sum portis of Ingland to West Flanders and Holland, pretending immunitie fra the paynes contenit in the saidis acts, vpon this ressone the saids guds war not transportit fra Scotland: thairfoir it is statut and ordenit that the haill guids pertening to Scotts merchentis, quhair ever they be imbarkit, sall be na wayes transportit to onye uther pairt of the Law Contre bot to the stapill of Campheir, vpon quhatsumever pretext, under the paynes contenit in the saids actis of burrowis; and that the commissioner of ilk burgh mak intimatione heirof to thair burrows,

under the pane of tuentie punds, and mak report thairof to the nixt conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. CRAIL, 5th July 1610.

39. The samin day, the saids commissioners having read and considerit the letters missives presentit to thame be the burgh of Edinburgh and direct to the said burgh fra the toun of Campheir and delyverit be my lord conservator, concerning the mutuall contract betuix the Burrowis and Campheir, and articles and greifs thairof; the saids commissioners gifis power to the said burgh of Edinburgh to mak ansuer to the saids letters in thair names, *promittentes de rato.* Campheir. Edinburgh. Commissio.

40. The samin day, anent the supplicatione of the burgh of Perth, craving ane voluntar support to the help of the bridge of Tay, continuis thair ansuer to the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the missive. Perthe. Missiue.

41. The samin day, grants and gifs thair licence and consent to the burgh of Dundie to impetrat of our souerane lord the gift of ane impost of thrie schillings to be taken of ilk tune of all guids arryvand at thair heavin thairof, tua schillings to be payit be the guids and tuelf penneis be the schip, and sklaittis and collis and lyme to be frie thairof; reservand alwayes to the burgh of Perth thair decreitt eximand thame fra the payment of all imposts foirsaid, obtenit befor the Secrett Counsall, and this to indure for the spaice of nynetein zeiris nixt to cum, provyding allwayes the said burgh bestow the said impost vpon the reparatione of thair harbarie, and mak compt thairof at the expyring of thair licence, under the payne of tuentie punds. Dundie. Impost.

42. The samin day, understanding that the burghs of Nairne, Elgyne, Montros, Pittinweyme, Lanerk, Quhitthorne, Forfar, Rothesay, Forres, Ruglein, Lauder, Kilranie, Annand, Lochmaben, Sancheir, restis awand to Sir Iohne Arnott, provest of Edinburgh, for thair taxatione for abyding fra the read of the Ilis, lykas Iames Wynrahame, agent, in his lordschips name requyrit the commissioners of the saids burghs sa manye as war present to mak payment thairof, and that his lordship wald call the principallis of the said tounis fra abiding fra the read befor the Iustice and his deputtis: and thairfor the saidis commissioners of burrowis ordeans the said burghs to mak payment of the saids taxatione for thair pairts to his lordschip or his servants betuix and Michaelmes nixt [or] to cum under the pane of tuentie pundis ilk burgh, and the agent to tak vpp the samyne in caise of failzie King's Thesaurer. Taxatioun. Chairge agent.

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and mak compt thairof to the saidis burrowis; quhilk ordinance they ordeane the commissioneris of ilk burgh to intimat to thair magistrats at thair hom cuming.

Commissio anent monopoles. Bulzeoun. Iles. M'Kenzie.

43. The samin day, understanding that thair is monopollis purchest be certane privat persones quhilk may tend to the preiudice of the burrowis and haill subiects, and ane preparative for sutting of mae monopollis, lykas thair is alreddie purchest the gift of making of salt vpon salt be George Bruce onlie; in making of seapp be Iohn Nasmeth chirurgean; the transport of zairne be Iohne Porterfield; and the exacting of certane dewteis of burncol transportit furth of the contray be Maister Frances Bothuell: for seiking remedie quhairof the saidis commissioners of burrowes hes appointit and ordenit the burghs of Edinburgh, Hadingtoun, Linlithgow, Dumbar, Bruntiland, Kingorne, Kirkcaldie, Stirling, Dysert, Dumferling, Sanctandrois, Glasgow, Perth, Dundie, Banff, Craill, to direct thair commissioners to convein at Edinburgh the tuentie sex day of Iulie instant, to mein the preiudice of thir monopolis to the Secret Counsall; and, in cais they find na redres be the Counsall, with power to resolve vpon the nixt remedie, and quhat they or the maist pairt of thame sall do in the premissis the haill commissionars of burrowis sall stand content thairwith. Lykwayes the saids commissionars gifis commission to the saids burrowis to deal with the Lordis of the Chaker for dischairging of uplifting of bulzeon of onye guidis transportit out of this realme to Ingland, or onye of his maiestie his dominione, and to entreatt vpon quhatsumever purpose may belong to the commoun well of burrowes. Attour they desyr the saids commissionars or onye four of thame, with Edinburgh, to contract with the Bischopp of the Isles anent ane certane dewtie for the teind of everie last of hering and other fisches that sall be taken in the Iles. And last to intreat with my lord Makinzie anent ane sufficient securitie to be maid be him to the burrowis for pecebell fisching in the Lewis, vpon sick eisie dewteis for grundlieve and woodlieve as they can agrie.

Statute. Magestrats. Suspensiounis. Missiue.

44. The samin day, forsamekill as the magistrats within burghs quha ar onlye burdenit with the gathering of his majestie his taxations within the samin, putting of thair awin decreitts, acts, lawis, and sentencis to executione, and doing of sundrie uther pointis of his majestie his services committit and requyrit of thame within thair awin burghs for the peac and quyetnes thairof; zitt be the occasione of dyvers malicious and contentious

personis, thair awin inhabitants, quha, vpon frivoll and sinistrus caussis procurs aft tymes suspensions of the letters and chairgis raisit and vsit vpon thair rollis, decreitts and sentensis, ar thairby gritlie indangerit with horning for not putting of the saids letters, stent rollis, actis, lawis, decreits, sentences, to executione; or els for eschewing the dangers of the saids hornings the saids magistrats ar compellit them selfis to mak payment of the saidis taxations and uther impositions, or uther wayes by feir and discurage they are movit to schaik af the cure and chairge of thair offices, to the gritt hurt and frustrating of his maieste his service, and to the hasert of all good ordar and governament to be cassin lous within the saids burghs: For remeid quhairof it is statut and ordenit, be act of this present conventione, that if it sall happin the said suspensiones, sinistruslie purchest or to be purchest, be onye inhabitants within burgh as said is, after the calling and discussing thairof, to be decydit be the Iudge Ordinar in favors of the saids magistrats or uther pairteis having entres thairto, and the letters and chairges raisit and executt vpon the saids stent rollis, lawis, decreittis, actis, and sentences quhatsumever to be fund ordorlie proceidit, notwithstanding the ressons of the saids suspensions, that in that cais the saids magistrats sall, immediately after the decisione and discussing of the saids suspensions in maner foirsaid, call before thame the purchessers thairof and decerne thame to have forfatit, omittit, and tint thair freidome and burgeschipp of the said burgh, and mak thame incapabell thairof in all tym cumming, and thairwith unlay tham in the soum of ane hundreth punds for raising the saids unnecessar suspensions; and if the saids magistrats be remis and negligent heirintill they sall be decernit in ane unlaw of fourtie pund to the commoun vse of the burrowis, *toties quoties*; and ordeans the commissionars of ilk burgh to report thair diligence in writt heir anent in ilk conventione; and the observation of this act to be ane commoun heid of the generall missive at ilk conventione, and ilk burgh to tak the extract of this present act and caus publicatione to be maid thairof, as lykwayes the agent to purches ane ratificatione of this act in the nixt parliament. Crail, 5th July 1610

45. The samim day, grantis and gifis licence to the burgh of Annand to impetrat of our soveran lord ane gift of the impost following, to be takin of the guids comming in at thair ports and passand the water of Annand, to witt: of ilk kow or ox tuelf penneis, of ane scheip or suyne four penneis, of an hors sextein penneis, of ane pak of geir sextein penneis, and of ane Annand. Impost.

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laid of victuall passing to Ingland onlie aucht penneis; and this to indure for the spaice of seven zeirs nixt to-cum; provyding allwayes that they bestow the said impost vpon the bigging and reparatione of thair kirk, tolbuith, and commoun housis, and vpon the making ane ferrie bot on the water of Annand, and mak compt thairof to the burrowes at the end of thair gift.

Customes in Burghs. Missiue.

46. The samin day, forsamikill as the conventione is trubilt with complents of sundre burghs for exacting of dyvers customis ane fra ane uther: thairfor ordeans ilk burgh to send thair commissionar sufficientlie instructit the nixt generall conventione with thair resolution quhither ilk burgh sall be frie with ane uther anent the payment of the pittie customis at thair toun portis, and if not quhat sall be the dewtie thairof; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Stayneliyve. Missiue.

47. The samin day, ordeans ilk burgh to send thair commissionar sufficientlie instructit to geif ansuer to the desyr of the burgh of Abirdeyne, cravand the burrowis support to the reparatione of the harbarie of the Stainhyve at Dunnotter; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Agent. Wynrahame.

48. The samin day, for guid and thankfull services done and to be done to the burrowis be Iames Winrahame thair generall agent, and having regard to the literatur and qualificatione of Maister Robert Winrahame his laufull sonn: thairfor thay, be thir presents, makis and constitutis the said Iames Winrahame, and Maister Robert Winrahame his sone, thair agents and procurators, in all thair commoun effers, coniunctlie and severallie, giffand and disponand to thame the office thairof with all feyis and dewteis belonging thairto, to indure at the gud will and pleasur of the commissionars of burrowis alennerlie; and the saids personis compirand gaif thair aiths to be guid and thankfull servants to the saids burrowis in the samin.

Guthre Clerk to Conventouns.

49. The samin day, for good and thankful services done and to be done be Maister Alexander Guthre, thair generall clark of thair conventione, and having regaird to the qualificatione of Maister Alexander Guthre his eldest and lawfull sonn, thairfor they mak, creats and constitutis the said Maister Alexander Guthre elder, and the said Maister Alexander Guthre yonger, generall clerkis, coniunctlie and severallie, to all thair conventions generall and particular, to be had in the commoun effairs of the burrowis, giffand and disponand to thame coniunctlie and severallie the said office, with all feyis, dewteis, and caussualiteis belonging thairto, to indure at the

gud will and pleasur of the commissionars of burrowis alennerlie, and the saids persons compirand gef thair aiths to be guid and thankfull servants to the burrowis in the samin.

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50. The samin day, compeirit Thomas Watsone as commissionar for the burgh of Anstrudder Eister and taking burdem upon [him] for the said burgh on the ane pairt, and William Dairsey as commissionar for the burgh of Anstrudder Wester and taking the burdem vpone him for the said burgh on the uther pairt, and war content, bund, obleist, and suorne to abyd, fullfill, and underlye the sentence and decreitt arbritall to be giffin be Iohne Makesone clark of Craill, Maister William Russall advocat in Sanctandrois, and William Barclay of Innergellie, chosin for the pairt of Anstrudder Eister, and of Iohne Knox provest of Sanctandrois, Iohne Arnott commissar clark thair, and Maister William Weymis thair, for the pairt of the said Anstrudder Wester, judges arbritattors and meik compositors chosen be the saids pairteis anent all debaittis and contraverseis betuix the said tua burghs for onye caus or occasione bygain, according to thair clames to be gifin *hinc inde* thairvpon, and quhatsumer the saids iudges sall doe or pronounce in the saids maters or maist pairt of thame the saids burghs sall fulfill the samin, and the said iudges to be convenit and accept the said mater vpoun tham on Michelmes day nixt to cum and to decyd betuix and Mairtimes nixt thairafter.

Compromissis, Anstruther Eister and Wester.

51. The samin day, grantis and gifis licence to the burrowis following to impetrat of our soveran lord the giftis of the imposts of the anchoragis and dewteis following: that is to say, the burgh of Anstrudder Eister to tak and have of anchorage and dock maill of all schips and veschells arryvand within thair harbarie, videlicet, of everie schipp of thriescor tunis and above xxiij s. iiij d., ilk schip of fourtie tun and above xvj s. viij d., ilk bark or crear of tuelf last and above xiij s. iiij d., ilk bott without ane tapmast that be clos vj s. viij d., ilk oppin bott iij s. iiij d.; to be imployit be thame vpoun the reparatione of thair heavin and harberie; provyding allwayes that the burgh of Anstrudder Wester be eximitt fra all payment thairof for ane zeir and farder sua lang as the burrowis sall appoint at the nixt generall conventione, and this licence to be without preiudice of the contract betuix the burgh of Craill and the said Anstrudder Eister.

Impost, Anstruther Eister, Pittinweyme, Innerkething, Sanctandrois.

Pittinweyme to have licence to impetrat the lyk impost.

Inerkething ane impost or schore silver anchorage and dock maill and customs as Leith or Brunteland hes.

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Sanctandrois ane impost according to the act grantit to thame in the generall conventione at Kinghorne in Iun. j^{m} vj^{c} zeirs.

And the saidis burghs to imploy the saidis imposts vpon thair heavins and harbereis, and to mak compt to the burrowis at the end of thair license of thair intromissione according to the said licence, quhilk sall indure for the spaice of seven zeir nixt to cum. And the impost of the said burgh of Sanctandrois to be takin tua pairt of the guids and of the schip the thrid pairt.

Statute, Calsayes. Missiue.

52. The samin day, findis expedient, statutis and ordeans, that the haill burrowis of this realme, and speciallie the burghs of Anstrudder Eister, Pittinweyme, Kilraynie, to big and repair thair calsayes sufficientle within thair portis and tounis betuix and the nixt conventione generall, and report thair diligence thairvpon the nixt conventione, ilk burgh under the payne of ane hundreth pundis; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Commissio. Edinburgh. M'Ayngzie.

53. The samin day, appointis the present commissioners of the burgh of Edinburgh, with Iames Nisbett merchand thair, to confer with my Lord Mackinzie anent the fisching of the Lewis and payment of his dewteis thairfor, and to report thair conference to the burrowis that meittis at Edinburgh the tuentie sex day of Iulie instant.

Forfare contra Brecheyne. Missiue.

54. The samin day, anent the complaint of the burgh of Forfar agains the burgh of Brichane, for trubling or molesting of thame in vsing of thair laufull traid within the said burgh of Brichane the tyme of thair markitt, and speciallie of thair cordiners in selling of thair schoone, intromitting thairwith and intending to tak customes fra thame quhilk they payit never of befor; both the commissioners being present, continuis the said mater to the nixt generall conventione, and ordeans both the pairteis to cum sufficientlie instructit; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Commissio. Agents comptis.

55. The samin day, appoints and nominats the commissionars of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Aberdein, Sanctandrois, Glasgow, Striviling, to heir and fitt the compts of Iames Winrahame, agent, of his necessar debursments in thair effairs, and thairafter the saids personis having hard the saidis compts, findis that the saids burrowis is restand awand the compter *de claro*, preciding this day, the soum of thrie hundreth four punds seventein schillings aucht penneis, conform to the fittit compts subscryvit be the saids auditors.

56. The samin day, anent the supplicatione of this present brugh of

Craill cravand thair cheritabill support to the completing and bigging of thair new foundit harberie be eist thair burgh and uphalding the auld harberie, sua necessar to the haill realme; the saids commissionars being of guid mynd to fordure that profitabill work, and understanding that thair is ane obligatione maid be Patrik Makgie of Larg, and William Makgie burges of Wigtoun, to Iames Winrahame, agent, of the soum of ellevin hundreth markis monye to be payit betuix and the tent of Iulie instant with ane hundreth punds of liquidat expensis in cais of failze, as the said obligatione of the daitt at Edinburgh the ellevint day of December last by past mair fullie proportis, quhilk soum becaus it concerns properlie the saids burrowis; thairfor they, for help of the said burgh of Craill and thair harberie foirsaid, frilie gifs and dispons thair richt thairof to the said burgh of Craill, and ordeans the said Iames of his awin consent to mak the said burgh his laufull assignatione thairto and richt thairof in competent forme, provyding that the burrowis be not astrictit bot to warrand the said dispositione bot fra their awin deid alennerlie, and with conditione that the said burgh of Craill be astrictit to mak compt of thair intromissione and deburstment of the said soum to the burrowis.

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57. The samin day, Alexander Persone and George Foullis, commissioners for the burgh of Edinburgh, producit ane letter missive direct to thame be the provest and bailleis of the said burgh, bearing that the lords of his maiestie his secreit counsall had caussit the said burgh reik out sum schippis for apprehending of certain pirattis vpon the costs of his kingdome, spoiling and riving all persons be sie, vpon promeis that the haill burrowis sould contribut in the chairges of the said schippis and had grantit thair act thairvpon, and thairfor the said provest and bailleis chairging their saidis commissioners to propon this mater to the present conventione and to crave thair concurrence and releif *pro rata* of the expensis of the saids schippis; with the whilk the saids commissioners being advyset, they continu thair ansuer till the nixt conventione of burrowes, and the samin to be ane heid of the nixt missive, that ilk burgh cum sufficientlie instructit with thair ansuer to the said propositione; and in the meyn tym ordeans the particular burrows that meitts at Edinburgh the tuentie sext of Iulie instant to meit and confer with the said burgh of Edinburgh thairvpon and to report thair conference the nixt generall conventione, bot not to conclud onye thing quhill the said generall conventione; and George Cochrane commissioner for

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the burgh of Air protestit that they may have the lyk concurrence and releif of the burrowis for the chairgis of thair schipp sett furth be thame agains the piratts in the west seyis.

Arbroth. Missiue.

58. The samin day, anent the supplicatione of the burgh of Abirbroth cravand support to the reparatione of thair harberie, continuis the samin to the nixt conventione, and ordeans the samin to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Glasgow. Missiue.

59. The samin day, anent the supplicatione of the burgh of Glasgow, cravand support to the taking away of the sands in the Water of Clyd stopping the schippis and barkis fra in cumming to the said toun, continuis to the nixt generall conventione, and ordeans to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Nixt Conventioun.

60. The samyne day, the saids commissioners dissolvis this present conventione, and hes affixit and sett thair nixt generall conventione to be begun and haldin at the burgh of Stirling the secund day of Iulie the zeir of God ane thousand sex hundreth and allevin zeirs.

Iohne Makesone, moderator.
Iohne Mekill.
Archibald Tailfer.
William Borthuyk.
Robert Phillane.
A. Cunznghame.
W. Somervell.
Dauid Ouchterlonny.
Iohone Dikesoune.
Iames Kay.
Iohne M'Culloch.
William Dersy.
Iohnne Forret for Culros.
Ihone Mure for Dumbar.
Ihone Gowne.
William Scott for Forfar.
George Baillie.
Dauid Millar.
Robert Clark for Brunteland.
Alexander Pierson, commissioner for Edinburgh.
George Foulis, commissioner for Edinburgh.
Iames Adamsone, provest.
Henrie Elder.
W. Goldman, commissioner for Dondie.
Mr A. Wedderburn, commissioner for Dundie.
Alexr. Rutherfurd.
Mathow Flemyng for Glasgow.
Mr Wm. Russell for Sanctandrois.
Harie Kinglassie for Intherkething.
Dauid Symsone for Dysart.
Iohne Scherar for Stirling.
Robert Merteine for Linlithgow.
George Cochrane for Ayr.
H. Cokburne for Hadingtoun.
Dauid Huchon.

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William Ramsay, commissioner for Montros.
J. Lautie, commissioner for Culane.
Hew Scott for Irewin.
Duncan Lesley for Elgyne.
Mr Iohne Rutherfurd.
William Christesone for Cowper.
Allan Cunningham.
Thomas Watsone.
Thomas Ranying.
Robert Moncreiff.
D. Lyndesay.

EDINBURGH, 26th July 1610

In the Particular Conventioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the burgh of Edinbrugh the xxvj day of Iulij j^m vj^c and ten zeiris, with continuation of dayis, be the Commissioners of Burrowis vnderwrittin, be vertew of the commissioun gevin to thame be the General Conventioun of Burrowis haldin at the burgh of Craill the fyft day of Iulij instant, conform to the 43, 53, *and* 57 *acts of the said Conventioun, to witt:*

EDINBURGH, Alexander Peirsoun, George Fowlis; Perth, (*blank*); Dundie, Maister Alexander Wedderburne; Hadingtoun, Harie Cokburne, prouest; Linlithgow, Robert Mairteyne; Dunbar, Ihonn Mure, William Hopper; Brunt Iland, Maister Androw Wilsoun; Kingorne, Iames Kay; Kirkcaldie, Dauid Hucheoun; Stirling, (*blank*); Dysart, Dauid Symsoun; Dunfermling, Iames Reid; Glasgow, Matho Flemyng; Bamf, (*blank*); Craill, Iohnn Makesoun; Sanctandrois, (*blank*).

1. The quhilk day, the saids commissioners electet and constitut the said Alexander Peirsoun thair moderatour induring this present conventioun. Moderator.

The sam day, anent the mater of the monopoleis mentionat in the said 43 act of the said last conventioun generall, to witt of the gift of making salt vpoun salt purchest be Sir George Bruce in Culros; of making saip be Ihonn Nasmyth chirurgeane in Edinburgh; transporting of zairne be Ihonn Porterfeyld thair; impost vpoun coillis transportet furth of the realme be

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Maister Frances Bothuell; and als anent the mater of bulzeoun for guids transportet to Ingland from Scotland; and als anent the mater of the teynd fysche of the Iles, and of the peacebill fyscheing in the Lewis, all mentionat in the said act; the said commissioners fynds gude that thai sall all pas and speik my Lord Dunbar and my Lord Chancellare anent the said monopoleis, and als to speik Sir Iohnn Arnott prouest of Edinburgh and thesaurer depute concerning the said bulzeoun, and that Iohnn Mathesoun speik the said Maister Frances Bothuell, and Edinburgh and Dundie to speik the Byschop of the Iles, and mak thair reports at thair nixt meting, quhilk is appoyntet to be at fyve houris at evin.

Coilles. Bothuell.

The sam day, comperit Maister Frances Bothuell and confest and declayret that he had the gift of our souerane lord of ane impost vpoun coilles transportet furth of the realme, to witt ten li. of ilk schip of ane straynger, or frauchtet be ane stranger fyve li., of ilk Scotts schip laydin with burnecoill, and siclyk fyve punds of ilk stranger schip laydin with small coillis, and nathing of ane Scottis schip; neuirtheles he is content to accept of ilk Scotts schip laydin with burne coill foure pund the grittest and thre pund the smallest, and be thir presents dischairges all impost that he may craif of ony Scotts schip laydin with small coilles pertening to Scottismen, and incais he or ony his deputes contraveyne thir presents or exactis ony hier dewteis of ony Scottismen in that case he submittis him self to the censure of the burrowes and promitts to vnderly thair jugement alanerlie thairanent.

F. BOITHUELL.

Zairne. Porterfeyld.

The sam day, compeirit Ihonn Porterfeyld merchant burges of Edinburgh, and being inquyret quhat licence or gifts he had vpoun the transporting of zairne furth of the realme, and producet his maiesteis licence to transport to Ingland ane hunder twn lynning zairne, superscryvet by his maiestie and daittet at Haddinby [Holdenby] the viij of August 1608; and declayret that he hes ane other licence of ane thowsand stayne wecht of lynning zairne quhilk he presentlie renunces, and declayrit that he neuir had any gift of prohibiting any otheris to transport zairne furth of the realme, and gif the burrowes sall fynd this his first licence or ony other licences to be purchest be him preiudiciall to thair estait he presently submitts himself to thair jugement and censur thairvpoun.

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STIRLING, 2nd July 1611.

In the Generall Conwentioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Striviling the secund day of Iulie the zeir of God ane thousand sex hundrethe and ellevin zeirs, comperit the Commissioners of Burrowis underwrittin, and producit thair commissiouns as follows:

EDINBURGH, Alexander Peirsone, George Foullis; Perth, Henrie Elder, clerk, and Iohne Andersone; Dundie, Iames Finlaysoun and Thomas Halyburntoun; Aberdein, Paull Minzeis, baillie; Glasgow, Robert Rowat and William Weymes; Sanctandrois, Robert Tailzeor, thesaurer; Striviling, Iohne Scherer, baillie, Iohne Williamsone; Air, George Cochrane, baillie; Linlithkoe, Gilbert Mure; Hadingtoun, Herie Cokburne, provest; Inirkithing, George Durie, clerk; Craill, Iohne Mathesoun, clerk; Dysart, David Simsone, baillie; Kirkcaldie, Alexander Law, baillie; Montrois, Iohne Milne; Cowper, Robert Pitersone, merchant; Anstrudder Eister, Iohne Anstruther; Dumfries, Iohne Corsane, provest; Inernes, William Campbell; Brichane be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Abirbrothe; Irrwing, Hew Scott; Elgyne, Patrik Gibsone, baillie; Iedburgh, Mr Iohne Rutherfurde; Kirkcudbrycht, William Foullertoune, baillie; Wigtone, Iohnne Turnett; Pittinweym, David Strang; Dumferling, Maister Thomas Wardlaw, dein of gild; Dumbartane, Iohne Fallisdaill; Renfrow, William Sommervell; Lanerik, Robert Lokart, baillie; Abirbroth, David Auchterlonie; Bruntiland, William Mikiliohne; Peblis, (*blank*); Kingorne, Iames Boswell, elder; Tayne, Iohne Forrester; Selkirk, George Wood; Anstrudder Wester, Robert Richardsone, baillie; Culrois, Maister Edward Blaw, baillie; Dumbar, Maister Edward Etkeyne, baillie; Bamf, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Edinburgh; Quhithorne, be exemption and ratificatione producit be Wigtoun; Forfare, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be agent; Rothesay, Mathow Spens; Rutherglen, Androw Pinkertoun, baillie; Northberwik, George Baillie, baillie; Culane, be thair exemptione and ratificatioun producit be Edinburgh; Nairne, (*blank*); Lawder, Mark Andersone; Kilrenie, be thair exemptione producit be Anstruder Eister; Sancheir, be thair exemption producit be the agent; Annand, Edward

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Iohnestoun, provest; Lochmaven, (*blank*); Forres, be thair exemptione and ratificatioun producit be the agent.

Citatioun.

1. The samin day, the commissioner for the burgh of Striviling verefeit the citatioun of the burrowes to this present convention, exceptand for the burgh of Nairne.

Moderatour.

2. The samin day, the saidis commissioners makis and constitutis Iohne Scherer, first in the commissioun for the burgh of Striviling, thair moderator for this present conventioun quha exceptit the samin and gaif his aith *de fidelj administratione.*

Conventioun.

3. The samin day, the saidis commissioners appointis thair howris of meiting to be and begin daylie at aucht houris in the morning quhill tuelfe hours, and after noon at tua hours quhill sex at nicht, and the personis absent at the calling of the said rollis to pay ane vnlaw of sex schillingis, and they that depairtis furth of the house quhill the conventione dissolve to be unlayit as said is, and sik as sall depairt fra this present conventioune befor the desolving thairof without licence to be unlayit as absentis, and that nane speik onrequirit or without licence askit and given, nor mixt thair ressoning with thair voting for avoyding of confusion, under the payne of (*blank*) onforgiven.

Regraittours. Foirstallers. Vnfremen. Missiue.

Culros, Montrose, Renfrow.

4. The samyn day, anent the fourt act of the last conventioun and heid of the missive, concerning unfrie tredders, saillers without tikits, forstaers, regreters, unfrie men, and outland burgessis, ordeans ilk burgh to produce to the nixt conventioun thair mair exact diligence in writt of restraining, punisching, and unlaying of the saidis personis and dischairging thame, and to geif up thair special names to the nixt conventioun, under the payn of ane unlay of fourtie punds; and speciallie that the burgh of Culrois produce thair diligence agains Iames Ridduche in Kinkairne, thair outland burges: Montros thair diligence agains William Braibner in Fitterkairne, thair outland burges; Renfrow produce horning agains Robert Finnie in Grinnok, James and Robert Galbraithis thair, Johne Hill thair, trafficquing, paking and piling, beand vnfrie, the said Robert Finnie thair outland burges; Culrois agains Alexander Callendar in Torrieburne, thair outland burges; in depryving and dischairging thair said outland burgessis or caussing thame to mak residence, and in punisching and unlaying and restraining thair unfrie treders be process and executione, conforme to the lawis of

the realme and actis of burrowis, ilk burgh under the payn of ane unlay of fourtie pundis; and this act to be ane heid of the nixt missive. STIRLING, 2nd July 1611.

5. The samyne day, anent the fyft act of the last conventioun, concerning the burgh of Elgyne for schawing thair diligence agains Andrew Schand in Carnoche, Walter Adame thair, John Richartsone thair, vnfrie men dwelling within thair libertie and vsurping the freedome of the burgh, the present commissioner of the said burgh of Elgyne producit horning registrat agains the saids Androw Schand and Walter Adame, and thairfor ordeans the said burgh to proceid to farder executioun and proces requisat with captioun and utherwayes, and to proceid farder agains all uthers of that sort, and to report thair diligence thair anent in writt to the nixt conventioun, under the payne of ane unlay of twentie pund; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Elgeyne. Missiue.

6. The samyne day, anent the aucht act of the last conventioun of the bigging of innes, setting vpp of signes, removing of sueyn, filth, and middings, and women taverners, ordeans ilk burgh to produce the nixt conventioun thair farder diligence conforme to the actis of burrowis maid thairanent; and this to be ane heid of the next missive. Innis, Signes, Taverners, Fylth. Missiue.

7. The samyn day, anent the threttein act of the last conventioun, concerning the burgh of Sanctandrois for thair diligence agains Master Hew Mylis, David Mithven, for treding and halding buithis, bying and selling at the kirkis of Kettell and Cleische; in respect the said burgh alledgit that the pairteis raisit advocatione agains thame, thairfor ordeans the said burgh to prosecutt the said advocatione for remitting and decyding thairof, and punisching the saids personis according to thair privilegis and actis of burrowis, and to produce thair diligence in writt the nixt conventioun thairvpon, under the payne of ane hundreth pundis by and attour the bygain unlayes mentionat in the said act, because they have done na sufficient diligence, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Sanctandrois. Missiue.

8. The samyne day, anent the seventeen act of the last conventioun concerning the burghis of Irwing and Kirkcudbrycht, the commissioner of Kirkcudbrycht and thair said burgh is ordenit to schaw and produce to the nixt generall conventioun better diligence and mair perfytt rentall of thair common landis, rent, and common gud nor that quhilk they presentlie producit, subscryvit by thair provost, bailleis, and clerk, without omissione of anye Irewyne, Kirkcudbrycht. Missiue.

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pairt of the samin; and speciallie of thair commoun landis, quha hes the samyne, be quhat richt, and quhat they pay thairfor; under the payne of ane unlay of ane hundreth pund by and attour thair former unlayes, and continuis the vptaking of the samin to the nixt generall conventioun; and sklyk ordeans the said burgh, with the burgh of Irwing, to schaw and produce the nixt generall conventioun their farder diligence in writt agains the vnfrie tredders within thair boundis and to give vp thair particular names the nixt conventioun, ilk ane of thame under the pane of ane hundredth pundis; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

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Glasgow, Air.

Salmond, hering. Missiue.

Westburrowes.

9. The quhilk day, the foresaids commissionars being convenit, anent the nynt act of the last conventioun ordening the burghs of Glaskow and Air to extract the act of burrowes concerning the measure and tichtnes of thair barrels of hering and salmond and to observe the samyne, and all uther burghs quhom it effeirs to doe the lyk; the saids commissionars, after long ressoning upon the samyne, ordeans the saids burghs of Glaskow, Air, Dumbartane, and the haill burrowes of the west to mak thair saidis barrellis of the measures mentionat in the actis of parliament maid thairanent, notwithstanding the act of burrowes maid at Selkirk, and to report thair diligence thairvpon the nixt conventioun.

Monopolis. Bulzeoun. Commissio, Nyne burrowis. M'Keynzie. Teynd of the fysche in the Isles. Agent. Missiue.

10. The samyn day, anent the mater of the monopolis of the bulzeon, tak of the teindis of hering in the Illis, and of Mackinzie, mentionat in the fourtrie thrie act of the last conventioun, be the quhilk commission is gevin to certane burrowes to meitt at Edinburgh for taking ordor thairwith, the saidis commissionars having read and considerit the proceding and diligence of the saids particular burrowes in the saids maters. And anent the mater of bulzeone of the gudis comming fra Ingland and Ireland, findis gud that sik burrowes as are hurt thairby, or be the customers compelling thame to pay entres of schippis, boitis, barks, cumming from portis within the realme sall complain thairvpon to the Lordis of the Chaker; and appoints and nominatis the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Aberdein, Glaskow, Dumbartane, Air, the Anstrudders, Dysart, and Kircaldie, to direct thair commissioners to meit at Edinburgh the sextein day of Julie instant and

thair concure, fortifie, and assist the saids compleners before the Chaker for remeid thairof. And anent the mater of Mackinzie for peacebell fisching in the Illis, ordeans the burrowes befor mentionat to intreat and deall with Rorie Mackinzie, and tutors of my Lord Mackinzie now present, as they sall find meitest, for obtening the said peacebell fisching. And anent the mater of the tak of the teinds of quhatsumever fische or hering that sall happin to be tain be the burrowes in the Illis, the saids commissionars of burrowes having read and considerit the tak for the teinds thairof and minutt of the samyne subscryvit be the Bischopp of the Illis and certane of the Burrowes, they approve the samyne, and ordeans Iames Winrahame, agent, vpon the chairge and expensis of the burrowes, to caus forme and perfeyt the said tak to be subscryvit be the said Bischopp of the Illis, and Maister Alexander Guthrie thair generall clerk to subscryve in name of the burrowes, quhilk expensis sall be allowit in his comptis.

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11. The samyn day, anent the fourtie four act of the last conventioun, concerning the purchessers of suspensiouns of decreits and actis sinistruslie, quhilk beand read and considerit be the saids commissionars they ratifie and approve the samyn, with this addition that the samyne be extendit to all advocationis to be purchest and remittit to the ordinar iudge of the burgh; and for better executione thairof ordeans ilk burgh to tak ane extract thairof and of this present act and caus the samyne to be proclaimit zeirlie amongs thair acts maid at the new electione of thair magistrats, and that ilk burgh report thair diligence thairanent at the nixt convention; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Statute. Suspensiouns. Aduocatiouns. Missiue.

12. The sam day, anent the mater of the customes to be tane be burgh fra burgh, mentionat in the fourtie sex act of the last conventione, the saidis commissionars, after long ressoning thairupon, hes agreit, votit, and condiscendit that ilk burgh sall be frie and queyte, ane with ane other, fra payment of onye maner of pittie customs or dewteis to be tane of thair goodis or wearis at the tounland portis, and this friedome to indure quhill the nixt conventioun of burrowes, provyding alwayes the samin be not extendit to the customis to be tane at bridgis or sie portis and in the tyme of frie proclaimit fairis; and if anye burgh sall happin to tak anye custome fra anye frie man of ane uther burgh at the said toun and portis during the said space, complent being maid thairupon to the magistrats and na redres maid, in that cace the said burgh sall pay to the burrowes ane unlay of ten pundis; and, for ordor to be tane with the saidis customis in tyme cumming, ordeans

Statute, Custome. Toun landports. Missiue.

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ilk burgh to produce thair richts quhilk they have to anye of the saidis customis with thair mynd and resolutione of the said questione, quither ilk burgh sould be frie ane with ane uther or not, in all tyme cumming; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. And the present commissionars of the burghs of Abirdeyne, Dundie, Bruntiland, Montrois, disassentit to the premisses, and thairvpon askit instrumentis.

Anstruther Eister, Pittinweyme, Kilrany. Missiue.

13. The samyn day, anent the fiftie tua act of the last conventioun, concerning the burghs of Anstrudder Eister, Pitinweyme, and Kilranie, for reparatione of thair cassyes, the saidis commissionars of burrowes ordeans the saidis burghs, togither with the burgh of Bruntiland, all to schaw farder diligence at the nixt conventione, under the payne of ane hundreth pundis ilk burgh; and this to be ane heid of the next missive.

Protestatio Linlithgow.

14. The samyne day, Gilbert Mure commissioner of the burgh of Linlithkoe protestit that the calling of the roll sould not preiudge him of his place heirafter.

Staipill. Commissio. Allevin burrowes. Leigue of France. Missiue.

15. The samyn day, anent the mater of the staipill of the natione at Campheir changing or retening thairof, mentionat in the seventein article of the last generall missive, the saidis commissionars of burrowes gives power and commissione to the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdein, Sanctandrois, Striviling, Glaskow, Air, Couper, Bruntiland, Dumfreis, to direct thair commissionars to meit and convein at the burgh of Edinburgh vpon advertisment of the agent at the returne of the conservator, if he be in lyf, and they or the maist pairt of thame convenand to intreatt, ressone, vott, and conclude vpon the said mater of the staipill for the weill of the natione in all thingis [as] the saids burrowes micht have done thame selfis, with power to thame or the maist pairt of thame convenand, being laufullie advertisit, to unlay the burrowes absent, ilk ane of thame in ane unlay of fourtie pund, for helping the expenses of thame that conveins. And siklyk gives power to the said commissionars convenand as said is to intreat and conclude anent the auchtein article of the said missive concerning the renewing of the ligue betwix his Maiestie and his subiects and the kingdome and realme of France anent their priviligis, liberteis, and customes; and if anye persone sall be direct in name of the burrowes toward France vpon the expensis of the burrowes, ordeans the samyn to be tane of the goodis of the merchantis cumming out of Normandie alennerlie.

Ranking of Burrowes. Missiue.

16. The samyne day, anent the mater of the prioritie and ranking of

the burrowes, mentionat in the threttie sex act of the last conventione and nyntein article of the missive, continuis the decisione thairof to the nixt generall conventione, and ordeans ilk burgh, and speciallie the burghs of Inerkithing, Striviling, Sanctandrois, Glaskow, Linlithkoe, to come sufficientlie instructit with thair richts, ressonis, and probatione as they will be servid; and this to be ane heid of the next missive. STIRLING, 3d July 1611.

17. The samyne day, the saidis commissionars, for dyvers good considerations moving thame, hes thocht expedient, statut and ordenit, for avyding of confusione, contentione and debeatt, that na commissionars in tyme cumming presum to sitt at tabill amang the rest or have vot in the conventioun, or zitt to subscryve the conventioun buik, but ane commissionar for ane burgh allennerlie, exceptand the burgh of Edinburgh quhilk has ordinnarlie tua commissionars at ilk conventione. Statute. Commissioners to conventioun.

18. The samyne day, anent the complent of Ranfrow contrair Glaskow, for molesting of thame in bying of thair merchandice within thair awin burgh and harberie, and for admitting burgessis at Kilmakome non residente within thair awin burgh: both the said parteis being present, the said commissionars with consent of parteis continuis the decisione thairof quhil the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. And anent the complent of Rutherglen contrair Glaskow, for exacting ane custome at thair bridge with ane liddellfull of bear and malt vpon the markett day, both thair commissionars being present, thair ressons hard and considerit, the saidis commissionars assolzies the said burgh of Glaskow fra the said laidill custome in respect of ane decreit of the Lords given thairanent producit be Glaskow. And anent the bridge custome on the said burgh of Rutherglen, ordeans the said burgh of Rutherglen to pay to Glaskow zeirlie the soum of thrie pundis monye for thair impost thairof during the tym of the samin. Renfrow contra Glasgow. Rutherglein contra Glasgow. Missiue.

19. The samyn day, anent the complent of Wigtoun contrair Air, for permitting Gilbert Mure in Strenrawer and Fergus Makforter in Moniguf to saill under thair friedome, both the saids parteis being present, George Cochrane commissioner of Air producit ane act of thair deprivatione; nevertheless becaus the saids personis continuis in thair traid, as the burrowes ar informitt, thairfor they ordean Air to punische thame for keiping buithes and makand merchandeis furth of thair burgh in tym bygain, and if it be fund at anye tym heirafter that the saidis persons continuis thairintill resi- Wigtoun contra Air. Missiue.

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dent and traiding and halding buithes in the said unfrie tounis, in that cace they ordean the said burgh of Air to tak ane unlay of tua hundreth punds of ilk ane of thame, *toties quoties*, with certificatione to the said burgh and they failzie they sall be decernit in ane unlay of ane hundreth pundis to be payit to the burrowes for ilk ane of thame, and thairfor ordeans the said burgh to produce thair diligence thairvpon the nixt conventione under the said payne; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Cowper contra Sanctandrois, and thai contra Cowper. Missiue.

20. The samyn day, anent the complent of Cowper contrair Sanctandrois, for exacting of tuelf penneis of ane load of geir, quhair they payit bot four penneis of old; and of Sanctandrois contrair Cowper for exacting gritter customes nor they wer in vse to pay thir dyvers zeiris: continuis the samyn with consent of pairteis to the nixt conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Chancellare. Mussilburgh.

21. The samyn day, the commissioners of burrowes presentlie convenit, at the earnest requeist and desyr of ane nobill and potent lord, Alexander Earl of Dumfermling Lord of Fyvie and Urquhartt, Gritt Chancellar of Scotland, in favors of the toun of Mussilburgh, for the gritt favour and benevolence schawin to the saids burrowes be his lordschip at all occasiouns: thairfor they be thir presents grantis and gives thair licence and tollerance to the inhabitantis of the toun of Mussilburgh and Fischerraw, quhilk ar or sall be actuall or ordinar residents thairin with thair housis and familie, to resort to the tak of hering, salmond, or quhytt fische, in all the pairtis of the realme, and thair to pak and peill the samyne pacceblie, untrublit or molestit be the saids burrowes or thair agent for the samyn.

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Nairne. Missiue.

22. The quhilk day, the commissioners ordeans the burgh of Nairne to schaw and produce in writt the nixt generall conventioun ane perfytt rentall of thair commoun landis and commoun gude, in quhas hands the samyn is and gives zeirlie, with thair diligence in putting the samyn to the best availl, under the payne of ane hundreth pund; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Stirling.

23. The samyn day, comperit Iohne Williamsone, commissionar for the brugh of Striviling and producit thair act of court of the election of thair

magistrats and counsall at Michelmes last, quhilk being red, considerit, and examinat be the saids commissioners, they find the desyr of the fourteen act of the last conventione maid thairanent fulfillit and satisfeit, and thairfor ordeans thame to conforme thair electione in all tyme cumming conforme to the actis of parliament and burrowes maid thairanent, and ratifeis the samyn act and haill proceedings thairof. STIRLING, 4th July 1611

24. The samyn day, gives power and commissione to the burrowes quha ar appointit to meitt at Edinburgh the sexteint of Iulie instant for the mater of bulzeon, to ressone, vott, and conclud vpon the mater of making salt vpon salt, and monopoll thairof purchest be Sir George Bruce in Culrois; and Maister Edward Blaw present commissioner for the said brugh to wairne the said Sir George to be present with the saidis burrowes, for taking ordor in the premissis sua far as may stand with the commoun weill of his maiesteis lieges and priviledge of burrowis, and the said commissionars to mak report at the nixt conventione of thair proceeding thairin; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Commissio. Nyne burrowes. Salt vpon salt. Missiue.

25. The samyn day, the saidis commissioners, understanding that his maiesteis lieges wer gritlie abusit be the staiblers and sick as settis thair hors in heyr within burgh, and, namlie thruch the insufficiencie of thair hors and hors graith, exhorbetand heyrs, and unreddines to serve the lieges in dew tyme: thairfor ordeans the magistrats of ilk burgh to caus the saids abusis be reformitt in dew tyme, sua that the saidis staiblers conform tham selfis to ressonabill pryces to be sett doun be the magistratis of ilk brugh, and that ilk staibler have sufficient hors and hors graith and mak reddie service, and to have post maisters over thame to that effect; and ilk burgh to putt the samyn to ane point with all diligence immediatlie after the dissolving of this present conventioun, at the leist betuix and the last of August nixt; as also everie commissionar present to intimat this present ordinance to thair magistrates at thair return, under the payn of ten pund ilk persone to be payit to the burrowes of thair awin purs, and ilk burgh to report thair diligence in observing this act at the nixt conventioun, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive; and the burgh not reporting thair diligence to be unlayit in ane unlay of hundreth pundis. Stableris. Missiue.

26. The samyn day, anent the threttie seven act of the last conventione, concerning the taxatione of Dumbartane, and Iohne Semple and Thomas Fallasdaill vplifters thairof and overseyers of the wark, and producit ane Taxatio. Dunbartane. Sempill. Fallisdaill. Missiue.

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compte of thair intromissione, anno 1610, quhilk being considerit be the saidis commissionars and sic as war deputt thairto, they find that the saids personis hes not chairgitt thame selfis with the haill soumes destinat for that wark, and thairfor continuis the heiring and fitting of all thair comptis bygain to the nixt generall conventione, and ordeans thame to doe farder diligence vpon the said wark and inbringing of the saidis soumes, and to mak thair report thairof at the nixt conventione, bringing and producing with thame the act of parliament and actis of burrowis maid thairanent, with the compt of thair deburs ments and resaittis since thair last compt, quhilk is ordenit to remayn in the clerkis handis quhill the said conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. And the said Iohne Sempill desyrit the saidis comptis to he hard and fittit be the saidis commissionars presentlie, and that they wald allow and disallow according to gude conscience as they think gude, and, if they will nott, declairs that he will have na mair adoe with that wark and renuncis his pairt thairof; and the present commissionar of Dumbartane protestit in the contrair in respect of his intromissione and the comptis not endit, lykas the burrowes refusis his renunciatione and ordeans him to proceid in the said wark vpon his awin perrell as he will be ansuerable to the kings maiestie and burrowis.

Dumbar. Agent.

27. The samyn day, ordeans maister Edward Atkyne and (*blank*) as commissioners for Dumbar, with thair awin consent, to pay to Iames Winrahame, agent, the soum of threscoir seven lib. sextein schillings, quhilk was vpliftit befor be Iohne Mure, baillie of Dumbar for the tyme, fra certain personis contenit in his subscryvit compt of the samyn, and that for the saidis Iames his expensis in unwaiting in Dumbar for ordour taking with the vnfre pakers of hering, and this soum to be payit betuix and the first of August nixt, and the said Iames with consent of the burrowes makis the said commissionars assignayes to the said Iohne his band thairof to vplift the samyne fra the said Iohne.

Dunbartan. Missiue.

28. The samyn day, findis that in the moneth of Iun. [j^{m}] sex hundreth zeiris the commissionars of burrowes gave and grantit to the burgh of Dumbartane ane licence to impetrat ane impost to be vpliftit and imployit for preservatione of thair burgh fra the inundatione of the rivers about the samyne, quhilk they have continuallie vpliftit and daylie vpliftis and hes not maid compt to the burrowis thairof, thairfor ordeans thair present commissionars to desyr the said burgh to mak compt to the burrowes at the

nixt conventione of the said impost and produce the samyne in writt, under the pane of ane unlay of ane hundreth pund; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive; and siclyk all uther richt that they have of the samyn.

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29. The samyn day, ordeans the burgh of Dysart to depryve David Thomsone in Leith, Kinghorne to depryve Alexander Peddie, Sanctandrois to depryve Thomas Lentoun in Leith, thair outland burgessis vsing traid, and produce thair diligence thairvpon to the nixt conventione under the pane of tuentie pund ilk burgh; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Kingorne, Sanctandrois, Dysart. Missiue.

30. The samyn day, anent the complent of the agent contrair the burgh of Dumbar for suffering unfrie men to pak and peill within thair libertie the said burgh denyit the samyne, and certain tryell being tain thairanent be the saids burrowes, they ordeanit the agent to vse farder treyall and probatione thairanent the nixt conventione, and ordeans the said burgh of Dumbar to schaw and produce in writt the said nixt conventioun thair farder diligence in stopping of unfrie pakkers and peilers of hering within thair boundis, and speciallie att this approching tak under the pane of ane unlay of ane hundreth pundis; and ordeans the burghs of Edinburgh, Haddingtoun, Northberuik, with the agent, to direct thair commissionars sufficientle instructit to pas to Dumbar at Lambes nixt and tak tryall and cognitione of unfrie traders and pakers, and caus the said burgh doe thair dewtie and tak vpp thair names, and report thair diligence the nixt conventione; and the premissis to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Agent contra Dunbar. Commissio, Edinburgh, Haddingtoun, Northberuik. Missiue.

31. The samyn day, gifis commission to the burghs of Edinburgh, Dumbar, Anstrudders, Dysart, Kirkcaldie, Bruntiland, Pitinweyme, Craill, to direct thair commissionars to meitt and convein at the burgh of Edinburgh the sextein day of Iulie instant to tak ordor with the insufficience of hering barrellis, and that nane be saltit bot sufficient hering and to be loyallie pakkit, and als to sie if ane measur of grein hering may be maid for eschewing the telling thairof; as als to advys vpon the ballesting of fische bottis quhither with sand pokis or with staines, and to mak report of thair diligence the nixt conventione, and ilk present commissionar of the said particular burrowes to mak intimatione of this present act to thair burghs at thair returning for effectuating thairof; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Commissio, Nyne burghs. Edinburgh, Dunbar, Anstruthers, Dysart, Kirkcaldy, Pittinweym, Brunt Iland, Craill. Hering. Missiue.

32. The samyn day, anent the complent of Richard Dobie and certain

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Edinburgh contra Dundie.

burgessis of Edinburgh agains Dundie, for taking custome of thair gudes transportit thruch thair toun onlie, Iames Nisbett merchand comperand procuratour for the saids persewars, and the commissioner of Dundie being present, continuis the said mater to the nixt conventione with consent of the pairteis, and suspendis the vplifting of the said custome in the meyn tym, and the commissioner of the burgh of Dundie past fra his protestatione maid anent the customes at the toun portis and consentit to the former act maid thairanent.

Dunbar. Impost. Missiue.

33. The samyn day, grants and gives thair consent and licence to the burgh of Dumbar to impetrat of our soverane lord ane impost following, to witt, of everie cobill or four airit bott fourtie penneis, of the gritter dreave bottis sex schillingis viij d., to be taken and imployit vpon reparatione of thair harberrie, and to be takin bot anes in the zeir, and to indure for the space of thrie zeirs allennerlie, provyding alwayes they mak compt thairof zeirlie at thair generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Perth.

34. The samyn day, grants thair favorabill letters of recommendatione in favors of the burgh of Perth to the haill burrowes of this realme of support of the wark of reparatione of thair bridge, to be subscryvit be thair generall clerk in thair names at thair command.

Supplicatiouns Arbroth. Abirdeyne, Glasgow. Missiue.

35. The samyn day, anent the supplicatiouns of the burghs of Abirbroth, Aberdein for the Stainhyve, and Glaskow for support to the reparatione of thair harberies and caussis mentionat in thir billis, continuis the samyne to the nixt conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Exemptiouns, Rugleyne, Selkirk, Northberuik, Rothesay, Lawder.

36. The samyne day, grants and gives thair licence to the burghs following to remain fra the conventiones of burrowes in maner after specifeit, to witt, the burgh of Rutherglen fra all conventions benorth Forth for thrie zeirs, the burgh of Selkirk siklyk, the burgh of Northberwik for the space of fyve zeirs, Lawder be north Forth for thrie zeirs, Rothesay for the space of thrie zeirs: Provyding allwayes that the saids burrowes send with the commissioner of the next adiacent burgh thair ratificatione and approbatione autentiklie subscryvit of all things to be done in the said conventionis zeirlie during the saids zeirs, at ilk generall conventione, with all soumes that they aucht to pay to the burrowes, and this exemption not to be extendit to the parliaments and conventione of estaits nor quhair anye of the saids burghs ar

citat for ane particular caus, and also with provisione that they bestow the expensis that they sould have bestowid vpon thair commissionars vpon commoun warkis, and to be comptabill thairof to the burrowes at the expyring of the saids zeirs. STIRLING, 4th July 1611.

37. The samyn day, grants and give thair consent and licence to the burgh of Innernes to impetrat of our soveran lord ane impost of tua penneis to be tane of everie footman and four penneis of ilk hors that passis langis thair bridge vpon the watter of Nes, to be imployit vpon the help and reparatione of the said bridge, to indure for the space of thrie zeirs, and at the expyring thairof to be comptabill to the burrowes. Innernes. Impost.

38. The samyne day, anent the complent of the burgh of Dumfries contra the burgh of Wigtoun, for impeding of thair merchants and flescheors in bying of thair gudes, merchandice, and bestiall, and transporting the samyne towards thair burgh, in caussing compone and pay gritt soumes for the samyne, both the saids parteis being present, the saids commissionars continuis the said mater to the nixt conventione, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive, and to cum instructit sufficientlie with thair richts and ansuers under the payn of tuentie punds. Dunfreis contra Wigtoun. Missiue.

39. The samyne day, anent the complent of the brugh of Anstrudder Wester contrair Anstrudder Eister, for exacting fra thame dyvers cawstis, anchorages, dokmailles and other dewteis, molesting trubling and punding thame for the samyne, contrair to the act of burrowes maid at the last conventione at Craill, be the quhilk the said Anstrudder Wester is eximit thairfra for ane zeir and farder sua long as the burrows sall appoint, quhilk being denyet be saids defenders the saids commissionars admittis the complent to the saids persewers probatioun, and assignis the aucht day of Iulie in the nixt generall conventione for proving thairof; and ordeans the said burgh of Anstrudder Eister, in the meyne tym and quhill the burrowes tak farder order, to desist and ceis fra exacting fra thame the dewteis mentionat in the said act at Craill under the payne of ane hundreth punds to be payit to the burrowes incais of failze; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive, togither with the rest of the heids of thair complent, specialle for compelling of Robert Richartsone thair nichtbour to consigne tuentie four punds in the bailleis hand for bying ane crear full of beir and for taking fra him and George Craill ane crear full of bark bocht be thame, as also taking away fra thame the hering bocht be thame before it come to thair harberie. Anstruther Wester contra Austruther Eister. Missiue.

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Northberuik. Impost.

40. The quhilk day, grantis and gives licence to the burgh of Northberuik to impetrat of our soveran lord ane gift of ane impost following, for the space of fyve zeirs nixt to cum following the dait thairof, provyding alwayes the said burgh bestow the said impost vpon reparatione of thair harberie and mak compt thairof to the burrowis after the expyring of thair licence; videlicet, of ilk last hering arryving within harberie fyve schillings, of ilk tun fyve schillings, ilk chalder salt tua schillings, ilk last taikill fyve schillings, ilk last lynt fyve schillings, ilk last hemp thrie schillings, ilk last oyle sex schillingis aucht penneis, ilk chalder vittuall passand of the countrie sex schillings viij d., and remaining within the countrie threttie tua d., ilk last pik or tar thrie schillings, ilk thousand dry fische four schillings, item of ilk hundreth of all kynd of tymmer ane; and this impost to indure for the space above writtin and vpon the conditionis above mentionat.

Glasgow contra Air. Missiue.

41. The samyne day, anent the complaint of the burgh of Glaskow contrair Air, for suffering Iames Mureheid in Hamiltoun thair burges to vse the traid of merchandice not remaining within thair burgh, continuis the samyne to the nixt conventioun, and ordeans ilk pairtie to cum sufficientle instructit with thair richts, ressonis, and probations, under the payn of tuentie punds; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Glasgow, Dunfermling, contra Stirling Burrowes. Breid. Missiue.

42. The samyn day, the saids commissionars, vpon the complent of Glaskow contrair Striviling vpon the pace and insufficiencie of thair breid, and of Dumfermling against Striviling for not suffering thame to sell thair breid in thair burgh vpon merkitt dayes, thair commissioners being present, the commissionars of burrowes continuis the samyne to the nixt generall conventione, and ordeans ilk ane of thame to cum sufficientlie instructit with thair richts, ansuers, and probationes, under the payne of tuentie punds. And siklyk ordeans ilk burgh to report the nixt conventione thair diligence in taking ordour with thair baxters and breid markitts for serving his maiesties lieges with sufficient stuf and of competent pryces and waicht, according to the lawes of the realme and priviledge of burgh; and the premissis to be ane heid of the nixt missive, under the payn of tuentie punds.

Agent, Burrowes.

43. The samyne day, forsamikill as be the fyftie fyve act of the con-

ventione at Craill the saids burrowis was restand awand to Iames Winraham, agent, the soum of thrie hundreth four pund seventein schillingis aucht penneis, quhairof he hes gotten no payment as zitt, thairfor they be thir presents grants and gives to him the soum of ten for ilk hundreth thairof since the daitt of the said act quhill he be payit. STIRLING, 5th July 1611.

44. The samyn day, givis commissioun to the burgh of Edinburgh to find out ane sufficient persone to pass in thair names to the Lords of the Secrett Councill and schaw unto thame the inconvenients sustenit be the realme and merchants thairof for not observing the act of Parliament, the 120 chapter and sevent parliament of the king his maiestie, anno 1581, anent the comming of schippis to burrowis in the west and north Illes be Flemings and uther nations, as the said act beirs, and thairfor desyr thair lordschips to gif unto the saids personis sik ane warrand as sall be fund necessar for putting the said act to executione, and this to be done vpon thair awin expensis of the said persoun. Commissio. Edinburgh. Schips. West burrowes. Missiue.

45. The samyn day, decernis the burgh of Peblis in ane unlay of tuentie punds for being absent fra this present conventione being laufullie wairnit thairto, and siklyk for not schawing thair diligence agains outland burgessis and unfrie tredders and not payment of the feyes dew to the burrowes in ane uther unlay of tuentie punds, and ordeans the agent to vplift the samyn and to be chairgit thairwith in his comptis. Peblis unlawet. Chairge Agent.

46. The samyn day, grantis and givis to Iohne Williamsone clerk of Striviling the soum of tuentie punds for directing of the missives to this present conventione and for his paynes thairat, and ordeans Iames Winraham, agent, to mak him payment thairof, and it sall be allowit to him in his comptis. Precept. Clerk of Stirling.

47. The samyn day, anent the complent of Anstrudder Eister agains Anstrudder Wester, for alledgit taking of customes for goods cumming thruch thair toun not beand sett doun thairin, and for passing to the treth and bying of hering thair, to compeir and ansuer to the samyn at the nixt conventione ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Anstruther Eister contra Anstruther Wester. Missiue.

48. The samyn day, the saids commissioners dissolvis this present conventione, and hes affixit the nixt generall conventione to be and begin and haldin at the burgh of Abirbroth the sevent day of Iulie the zeir of God ane thousand sex hundreth and tuelf zeirs. Nixt conventioun. Missiue.

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I. Forester for Tayne.
Geo. Woode for Selkirk.
Mark Andersone for Lawder.
Dauid Oucherlonny for Abirbroath.
Eduard Aitkyn, commissioner.
Maister Thomas Wardlaw for Dumfermling.
Hew Scott, commissionar.
Robert Rychertsone for Anstrudder.
W. Somervill for Renfrow.
Robert Lokart, Lanirk.
G. Durie for Innerkething.
Iohn Corsane for Dumfreis.
Eduard Iohnestoun for Annand.
William Fullarton.
Rothesay, Mathew Spenis.
I. Stewart for Nairn.
Gilbert Mwre.
Mr E. Blaw for Culros.
Dauid Strang for Pittinweyme.
George Baillie.
Williame Campbell for Innernes.
Iohne Scherar, moderator.
Alexander Peirsoun for Edinburgh.
George Foulis for Edinburgh.
Henrie Elder commissioner for Perth.
Iames Finlaysoun for Dundie.
P. Menzies for Aberdein.
Robert Tailzour for Sanctandrois.
Robert Rowat for Glasgow.
George Cochraine for Ayr.
Dauid Symsoune for Dysart.
H. Cokburne for Hadingtoun.
Iames Boisuill for Kyngorne.
Iohne Rutherfurd for Iedburgh.
Rot. Pitersone for Cowper.
I. Fallusdaill for Dumbartane.
Iohnne Turner for Wigtoun.
I. Anstruther.
Iohne Mylne for Muntrois.
Alexr. Law.
William Meikilihone for Bruntiland.
Patrik Gibsone for Elgyn.

In the Particulare Conventiown of Burrowes, begun and haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the sextein day of Iulij the zeir of God j^m vj^c allevin zeiris, be the Commissioners of Burrowes vnderwrittin, deputt and haveand powir thairto be the generall conventioun of burrowis begun and haldin at the burgh of Stirling the secund of Iulij instant, in the caussis and maters afterspecifeyit, conforme to the tent, twenty foure, and threttie ane acts of the said last conventioun: Comperit the personis following for the said particulare burrowis, viz.: EDINBURGH, 16th July 1611.

EDINBURGH, Alexander Peirsoun, George Fowlis; Perth, Ihonn Andersoun, Henry Eldair; Dundie, (*blank*); Abirdeyne, Pawle Meynzeis; Glasgow, Iames Stewart; Anstruther Eister, Robert Alexander, clerk; Anstruther Wester, Robert Rychartsoun; Brunt Iland, Patrik Greif; Dunbar, George Purves; Air, Ihonn Lokert, prouest; Dunbartane, Ihone Sempill; Dysart, Patrik Weymes; Kirkcaldy, Dauid Hutchesoun; Pittinweyme, Robert Keyngzow; Craill, Androw Moncreif, baillie.

1. The quhilk day, the said commissioners namet and constitute Alexander Persoun commissioner for Edinburgh thair moderatour induring this present conventioun. Moderatour.

2. The sam day, vnderstanding that dyuers inhabitants of burrowes ar callet before the Lords of Sessioun at the instance of the kings majestes Thesaurer and Aduocatt and be the Laird of Burlie, for transgressing of the acts of parliament maid annuells for debts for taking of mair nor ten of the hunder, and that the burgh of Edinburgh is to gif in ane bill for the Secreitt Counsall for thair inhabitants, fynds gude to expect the ansuer of thair bill. Burlie.

3. The same day, fynds expedient and ordains that ane supplicatioun be gevin in in name of the burrowes to the Secreitt Counsall anent the mater

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of taking bulzeoun for guids transportet to Ingland and Ireland, and lykewayis for taking of custome of guids transportet fra Scotland to Ireland for pasturing and plenishing that land onelie, bayth gangand and cummand; alswa agains the customeis for cawsing the burrowes to pay entres syluer of thair boitts cvmmand fra ane port of the realme to ane other, and siclyk vpoun the cocqetter for his exorbitant pryces; and Edinburgh and Air to caus pen the said supplicatioun, and anent the novatioun of the customes.

Bruce, Salt.

4. The sam day, after lang conference and resoning with Sir George Bruce in Culros vpoun his gift purchest anent the making of salt vpoun salt, mentionat in the [24] act of the last conventioun, continews the same to forder conference.

Dunbar. Hering. Missiue.

5. The same day, anent the mater of the hering and barrells thairof, sufficiencie of pakking and wrakking of the same, and ballesting of the fysche boits, mentionat in the threttie ane act of the last conventioun generall, after lang resoning thairupon, George Purves commissionare of the burgh of Dumbar offerit in name of the said burgh, and as heavand commissioun of the same, be thir presents bynds and oblissis the said burgh to the burrowes of this realme for the hering to be tayne within the liberteis of the sam in the conditiouns following, to witt, that thair sall be na dowit hering bocht to be saltit and pakkett, and sall caus the sufficient lawfullie pakket to be markit with thair toun mark, and the vnmarket hering to be insufficient hering; as alswa to caus and se the barrellis market be thame as said is to be tycht and sufficient and markett with the cowpers mark, maker thairof, and ather burne or escheit the insufficient barrellis, and gif thai do nocht the premissis the said burgh to be ansuerabill to the pairteis for thair costs, skayth, damnage and expenssis; alswa the said commissioner oblist himself with all diligence to report and schaw ane sufficient warrand of his said burgh in writt ratefeyand and apprevand the premissis and oblissand thame to obserue the sam, vnder the said payne, to be delyuerit to the generall clerk of the conventioun of burrowis to be keippet in name of the burrowes; quhilk offer, promeis, and band the saidis commissioners for thameselfs and in name of the haill burrowes, be vertew of the commissioun gevin to thame, accepts for this present seasoun and tak of hering at the said burgh quhill forder [order] be tayne be the burrowes, and grantis thair licence and consent to the said burgh to tak and haif for thair travellis the sowme of threttein schilling foure penneis money of this

realme of ilk last heyring induring the said spaice. And Robert Alexander commissioner of the brugh of Anstruther Eister, Robert Rychartsoun commissioner of Anstruther Wester, Andro Keyngzow commissioner for Pittinweyme, and Androw Rychartsoun commissioner and baillie of Craill, offerit, band, and oblist thair said burghs to do the lyke vpoun the lyke conditioun, quhilk the said commissioners presentlie convenit acceptis and ordains the said brugh of Dunbar and burrowes foirsaids, and all vther burrowes quhair any hering sall happin to be tayne, to obserue and keip the sam ordor and deiling induring the said spaice and vnder the said payne; as alswa nocht to suffer ane man with his societie to bye ma hering nor fiftie thowsand hering in ane day, vnder the payne of ten punds to be tane of euery ane of thame, nor zitt to suffer na man to gang on buird of any boits other within or without the harbery, bot to bye thair hering vpoun the schore, vnder the payne of ten pund *toties quoties* to be tane of thame be the said burghs quhair the said hering is tayne, and to raise lettres of the Lords vpoun this act gif neid beis.

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Attour, in respect of the greitt fraude and deceitt vsit in telling of hering and for avoyding thairof, as alswa for the better depesche in telling the same, the said commissioners fynds expedient and ordains the said burgh of Dunbar and burrowes foirsaids, with all other burrowis quhair any hering sall happin to be tayne, to mak and haif for seruing his majesteis lieges ane sufficient number of mets all maid be ane patrone, quhilk patrone sall be and conteine according to the number of tua hunder greyne hering, and swa, insteid of telling, all heyring to be mett thairwith and delyuerit to the byares, and remits to the burghs of Edinburgh, Hadingtoun, Northbervik, quha ar ordainit be the last generall conventioun to direct thair commissioners to Dunbar to se the said metts maid and vsit, gevand thame thair power and commissioun thairto, as alswa remits the pryce of the said messoures to thame that seis the same maid.

Siclyke, the said commissioners vnderstanding that be the ballasting of the fysche boits with staynes and casting the same in the sey the fyscheing of hering is hurt and the grund fylet, for remeid thairof the said commissioners ordains the burgh of Dunbar, and all other burrowes quhair any hering sall happin to be tayne, to caus the fyscher boits to be ballastet with sand to be putt in hardin polks, or with chyngill onlie, and nocht with staynes, vnder the payne of ten punds to be tayne of the boits nocht

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ballastet as said is, be the burrowes apprehendares thairof *toties quoties;* and the saids burghs to caus this present ordinance to be proclamet and keippet in thair bounds, and the said burgh of Dunbar to intimat the samyn to the sey ports quhair the fyschears comis fra, and that euery ane of the said burghs caus intimat this present act to all thair burrowes and tak ane copy thairof that nane pretend ignorance and report thair diligence to the nixt conventioun generall, vnder the pane of xl li. ; and to be ane heid of the missiue.

Nixt Meiting.

6. The sam day, continewis all the rest of the heids referrit to this present conventioun to thair meitting quhilk sall be at this burgh the penult day of Iulij instant, togidder with the mater of Burlie and novatioun of the customes, mentionat in the bills gevin to the Secreitt Counsall, and all other things concerning thair estaitt, and lettres to be writtin to Dundie, Montrose, Stirling, Sanctandrois, Cowper, Hadingtoun.

Robert Alexander, Anstruther.
Dauid Huchon.
George Purves for Dunbar.
Patrick Greif.
Robert Kingzo.
P. Wemyss.
Alexander Peirsoun for Edinburgh.
George Foulis for Edinburgh.
Henrie Elder for Perth.
P. Menzies for Aberdein.

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In the Particulare Conventioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at Edinburgh the penult day of Iulij j^m vj^c and allevin zeiris, be the Commissioners of Burrowis vnderwrittin, be vertew of certane actis of the General Conventioun of Burrowes haldin at Stirling in Iulij instant, and of ane act of the Particulare Convention haldin at Edinburgh the xvj of Iulij instant, Comperit the Commissioneris vnderwritten and producit thair commissiouns :

EDINBURGH, Alexander Persone and George Foullis; Perth, Henrie Elder;

Dundie, Robert Clayhills; Aberdene, Alexander Rutherfurd, proveist; Linlithgow, Gilbert Mvre; Stirling, Iohne Scherar; Haddingtoun, Harie Cokburne, proveist; Brunteland, Patrik Greive; Kingorne, Iames Bosuell; Glasgow, Iames Inglis, proveist; Dumbartane, Iohne Simpill; Kirkcaldie, Alexander Law, bailzie; Dysart, Patrik Wemyss; Air, Dauid Fergushill; Anstruther Eister, thair ratificatioun producit be the agent; Anstruther Wester, thair ratificatioun producit; Dumbar, (*blank*); Pittinweyme, be thair ratificatioun; Crail, (*blank*); Arbroth, be thair ratificatioun; Brechin, be thair ratificatioun producit be the agent; Cowpar, (*blank*); St Androis, Henrie Arthour; Montrose, Iames Murray.

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Apud Edinburgh the last of Julij j^{m} vj^{c} xi^{o} zeiris.

The quhilk day, the commissionaris of borrowes beforewrittin, being convenit pairtle be virtew of the commissioun gevin to thair saidis burghes be certane actis of the last generall conventioun of borrowes haldin at Stirling, and pairtlie be lettres missives direct to thair burghes be the said particular conventioun haldin at Edinburgh the xvi day of Julij instant, efter lang ressoning vpon the affaires of the borrowes contenit in the saidis actis and remanent affaires concerning thair estait, findis the haill borrowes of this realme havelie preiudgit be this laitt raising of his maiesties customes to ane heicher raitt nor they haue beine of before, and als be vplifting of the bulzeoun of guidis transportit betuix Scotland, Ingland, and Ireland, and be this laitt persuit movit be the Laird of Burlie maid vpoun the act of parliament anent taking of mair nor ten for the hundreth; as alsua vnderstanding that thair is dyvers commissiounes purchest and to be purchest for vplifting of penalties vpoun his maiesties leiges be vertew of sundre actis of parliament quhilk wes never ressavit in practeis; thairfor for remeid of the ane and preventing of the vther, findis expedient, aggreis, and consentis for thair saidis burghes and in name of the haill burrowes of this realme, that thair be commissionaris to the nvmber of four persones directit to his maiestie with thair lettre missive and forder instructiounes to be gevin to thame for lamenting the estait and conditioun of the borrowes quhairin they are brocht and licklie to be brocht be the saidis inconvenientis, and for seiking remeid thairof be all meanes posseabill and as they can guidlie

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obteine and purches be his maiestie; and to that effect hes maid chois of Iames Nisbet burges of Edinburgh, Alexander Rutherfurd proveist of Aberdeine, Iohn Lokart of Bar laitt proveist of Air, and Patrik Greive burges of Brunteland, to be commissionaris for the haill borrowes of this realme, gevand thame full powar thairto and to do all thingis needfull in the premissis or ony uther thingis concerning the weill of the borrowes, quhilk the saids borrowes sald hald firme and stabill; and gif it sall happin ony of the saidis foure persones commissioneris foirsaidis to be seik or to hawe ony laufull excus, they gif thair full powar to the burgh of Edinburgh with ony tua or thrie of the remanent commissionaris to elect and put in vtheris in thair places; and for defraying of the expenssis of the saidis foure commissionaris the saidis commissioneris thinkis expedient that everie ane of thame shall hawe one thousand merkis, makand in the haill four thousand merkis, to be payit be the haill borrowes everie ane of thame *pro rata* according to the stent roll, at thair nixt conventioun appoyntit to be haldin at Arbroith the sevent day of Julij nixtocum; and becaus thair is na present money to be had and that the saidis commissioneris ar to vndertak thair jurnay with all posseabill diligence, and thairfor it is thocht guid that the samyn soume of four thousand merkis, togidder with the soume of fyve hundreth merkis for the anuell thairof and certane vtheris the borrowes affaires, be borrowit to the said nixt conventioun, and thairfore eirnestlie requeistis and desyres the provest bailzies and counsale of the burgh of Edinburgh to borrow the said soume quhair they maist commodiouslie may haue the samyn, and the saidis commissioneris in name of the saidis burghes and in name of the haill borrowes of this realme binds and oblessis thair saidis burghes and the remanent haill borrowes to refound, content, and pay everie ane of thame thair pairtis of the said soume *pro rata,* conforme to the said stent roll, to the proveist bailzies and counsale of the burgh of Edinburgh being for the tyme or to the commissionaris of the samyn at the said nixt generall conventioun having thair power to that effect; and for better inbringing of the said soume ordanes that it be ane heid of the nixt generall missive chairging ilk burgh to bring and produce with thair said commissionar to the said nixt generall conventioun thair pairt of the said soume conforme to the said stent roll, ilk burgh vnder the pane of fourtie pundes to be payit to the said burgh of Edinburgh in name of damnage and intres; and the saidis commissionaris of borrowes grantis and consentis that lettres of horning be

direct herevpoun ane simple chairge of thrie days at the instance of the saids proveist bailzies and counsale of Edinburgh, or at the instance of Iames Wynrame thair generall agent, as they sall think expedient. EDINBURGH, 31st July 1611.

John Scherar for my brugh's pairt
J. Semple of Coruthe
Dauid Fergushill for Ayr
Alex^r Law
Gilbert Mure for Linlithgow
James Boisuill for Kynghorne
Iames Murray for Montrose
Henrie Arthour for Sanctandrois
Alexander Peirson for Edinburgh
George Foulis for Edinburgh
Henrie Elder for Perth
Robert Clayhillis for Donende
Alex^r Rutherfurd for Aberdein
H. Cokburne for Hadingtoun
P. Wemyss for Dysert

In the Particulare Conventioune of certane Borrowes, haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the twelf day of Nouember j^m vj^c xj, be the persouns vnderwrittin as Commissioners of thair burghs, and be vertew of ane lettre missive direct to thame be the prouest and baillies of Edinburgh to the effect after specifeyet, Comperit the persouns following: EDINBURGH, 12th, November 1611.

EDINBURGH, Alexander Peirsoun, George Fowlis; Perth, Androw Conquerour; Dundie, Robert Clayhills, Maister Alexander Wedderburne, clerk; Abirdeyne, Alexander Rutherfuird; Stirling, Iohn Scherare; Lynlithgow, Gilbert Mvre; Montrose, Robert Bailie; Brunt Iland, Patrik Greif; Kingorne, Iames Boswell; Kirkcaldy, Thomas Lamb, baillie; Dysart, Dauid Symsoun, baillie; Anstruther Eister, (*blank*); Pittinweyme, Ihonn Kers; Haddingtoun, Hary Cokburne; Glasgow, Iames Stewart; Air, Iohnn Lokkert, Dauid Fergushill; Sanctandrois, (*blank*).

1. The same day, the saidis commissioners electet Alexander Peirsoun

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thair moderatour and appoyntet thair nixt meyting the morne att aucht houris.

xiij Nouembris j^{m} vj^{c} xj^{o}.

Report of the Commissioners for Ingland xij^{c} li. Missiue.

The quhilk day, the saids commissioners being presently convenit anent the mater of this present meting, to witt the resaving the report of the commissioners quhilk wes to the king's maiestie, and the lettir direct to the burrowes with thame be his maiestie, and taking forder ordour in the effeyres commitet vnto thame, comperit Iames Nesbet, Alexander Rutherfurd, Iohnn Lokkert, and Patrik Greiff, and maid the report of thair proceidings and progres at full lenth, and the lettre foresaid beand red: with the quhilk the said burrowes beand avyset fynds that thai haif done thair dewties for thair pairt, and acceptet and allowet thair travell, ratefeyet and approvit the sam, and gaif vnto thame heartlie thanks. Thairafter the saidis foure commissioners declayret that be occasioun of his maiesties adois and be the moyane of thair pairtie, and for taking of the best oportunity and his maiesteis laser they wer constraynet to abyde and remayne by thair expectatioun and thairthrow were superexpendet by the soumes gevin vnto thame in the soume of twelf hunder punds, quhilk thai borrowet vpoun profet in Ingland for defraying thair chairges, desyring that the saids burrowes wald tak ordour for payment thairof: the saids burrowes fynds thai haf nocht speciall warrand and commissioun of thair burghs to that effect, and thairfor fynds expedient and ordanis that the samyn sall be ane heid of the nixt missiue, requeisting euery burgh to bring thair pairt of the said xij^{c} li. according to the extent roll to the nixt conventioun to be payet to the saids persouns, with thair pairt of the thrie thousand punds contenit in the former act.

H. Cokburne for Hadington
Dauid Symsone for Dysert
James Boisuille for Kyngorne
James Steuart
Thomas Lamb for Kirkcaldie
Iohn Kerse for Pettenveme
Dauid Fergushill for Ayr.
Alexander Peirsoun for Edinburgh
George Foulis for Edinburgh
Androw Conquerour for Perth
Mr A. Wedderburne for Dundie
Alex^{r} Rutherfurd for Aberdein
Iohne Scherar for Stirling

In the Particulare Conventioun of Burrowes, begun and haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the threttein day of Ianuar the zeir of God j^m vj^c and twelf zeirs, be the Commissioners of the Burrowis vnderwritten, citat thairto be the burgh of Edinburgh, and be vertew of ane commissioun of the generall last conventioun haldin at Stirling. EDINBURGH, 13th, 14th January 1612.

EDINBURGH, Alexander Peirsoun, George Fowlis; Perth, Androw Conquerour and Androw Grant; Dundie, William Goldman; Abirdeyne, Alexander Rutherfurd of Rubislaw; Stirling, Iohnn Scherare; Sanctandrois, Robert Tailzeour; Glasgow, Iames Bell; Cowper, Robert Pittersoun; Brunt Iland, Maister Androw Wilsoun; Dunfreis, Francis Irewyne; Anstruther Eister, William Gibsoun, baillie (na commissioun;) Kirkcaldie, Thomas Lamb, baillie (na commissioun;) Dysert, Dauid Crystesoun; Air, (*blank*).

The quhilk day, the said commissioners havand produceit thair commissiouns, except Anstruther Eister and Kirkcaldy, elected Alexander Peirsoun commissioner of Edinburgh during this present conventioun. Moderatour.

xiiij° Ianuarij j^m vj^c xij°

The quhilk day, the saidis commissioners having red and considerit the commissioun gevin to thame be the last generall conventioun of burrowes haldin at Stirling, speciallie anent the mater of the libertie of his maiesties subiects of Scotland thair privelegis and customes within the realm of France, mentionat in the fyftein act of the said generall conventioun, fyndis expedient, agreyis, and consents that ane sufficient persoun be electet to pas to the king's maiestie our maister and souerane lord, to obteyne his maeisties favorabill letter of recommendatioun direct to the king of France France, Rex. Priveleges.

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for obtening the ratificatioun of the priveleges of the natioun and keiping the customes in thair auld estait according to thair priveleges, quhilk beand obtenit the said persoun to pas with the saids lettres to the King and counsall of France, vse and prosequute the same and do all things requisit thairto, and at his returne to report in writt his diligence to the burrowes; and for making his chairges in the said negotiatioun it is thocht expedient, agreyet, and consentit that the samyn sall be takin of the inward geir following to witt: of all guids and wayres cummand out of Normandie to Scotland, quhatsumeuir custome is to be payet thair the dowbill of the samyn to be payet lykewayes in Normandie, to ane sufficient collectour to be deput thairto ay and quhill the chairges deburset for the ratificatioun foresaid be sufficientlie refundet and the collectouris to be (*blank*) in Rowane, (*blank*) in Diep, (*blank*) in Newheavin, (*blank*) in Cain; and he that advances the money to the said persoun directet, he to resaue fra the saids collectouris the money collectet be thame with thair compts of the samyn and present the said compts zeirlie at ilk generall conventioun to the burrowes; and sic merchants of this realme as payis nocht the said dewty in Normandy to be oblist to pay the dowbill thairof in this realme.

Staipill Middilburgh.

The same day, the saids commissioners presentlie convenit be vertew of the commissioun gevin to thame be the last generall conventioun haldin at Stirling, anent the mater of the staipill of the natioun in Flanders, conform to the fyftein act of the said last conventioun generall maid thairanent, after lang resoning and mature deliberatioun, fynds that it sall be maist expedient for the weill and commoditie of the natioun that the said staipill presentlie haldein at Campheir sall be liftet and transportet thairfra to the toun of Middilburgh, the consent favour and licence of our souerane lord and maister the kings maist excellent maiestie beand first purchest had and obtenit thairto, with all writts and securiteis neidfull for doing of the samyn; and thairfore fynds expedient that the reasouns moving thame to desyre the said transportatioun sall be putt in writt and delyuerit to my lord Chancellare and his lordschip ayrnestlie requeistet to send the same to his maiestie with his lordschips lettre to obteyne the said licence; and the said commissioners heavand red and considderit the offerris of the said toun of Middilburgh producet be my lord Conseruatour, ansuerand to the instructiouns and demands gevin to his lordschip, they acceptit the samyn; and in cais thair be any forder conditiouns requysit they haif agreyet and ordanet

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that euerie ane of the commmissioners present sall within the spaice of (*blank*) putt thame in writt and sent to the burgh of Edinburgh quha sall tak and peruse thame, and swa many of the said conditiouns as the said burgh sall thynk reasonabill for the weill of burrowes thay ordane the said burgh to putt thame togidder in writt and delyuer thame to my lord Conservatour to be sent be his lordschip to the said toun of Middilburgh to be considerit and agreyet vnto be thame, and his lordschip to ressaue and report thair ansuer autentik in writt and delyuer the same to the said burgh of Edinburgh; quhilk ansuer being returnit and agreyit vnto be Edinburgh the commissioneris desyris the said burgh to caus the agent mak aduertisement thairof to the burghs of Perth, Dundie, Abirdeyne, Stirling, Glasgow, Sanctandrois, and Cowper, requyring thame to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructet to convene at Edinburgh to ane certane day to be appoyntet be the said burgh, and thai with the said burgh of Edinburgh to elect and nominat sufficient qualefeyet persouns ane or ma as thay sall thynk expedient for passing to the said toun of Middilburgh and for establishing the said staipill thair, and obtening the securiteis, articles, and conditiouns perfyttet brocht hame and delyuerit to Edinburgh to the behuiff of the haill burrowes; and the present commissioners gevis thair power and commissioun to the said burghs convenand as said is with the burgh of Edinburgh for electing the said persoun or persouns, with sufficient power and commissioun and with iniunctiouns and instructiouns for placeing of the staipill as said is, and desyris my lord Conseruatour to concur with the saids persouns in the said mater; and for defraying of the chairges of the said persoun or persouns deput as said is the commissioners presentlie convenit grantis and consentis that the said deput or deputs sall tak and haif twelf stuiris of euerie sek of guids passand fra Scotland to the Law Cuntreyis and (*blank*) of coilles, with special power to the said deput or deputs to appoynt collectours vnder thame for resaving the said dewties for quhome thai sall be ansuerabill, and the said deputs to mak compt to the burrowes at ilk generall conventioun of thair intromissioun and expenssis, ay and quhill the said chairges be sufficientlie refoundet with intres gif ony be; and quhatsoeuir course the said sevin burrowes or maist pairt of thame convenand with Edinburgh sall tak for advancement of the said deput or deputs chairges and interest the commissioners presentlie convenit agreyis thairto.

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Androw Grant Perth
George Foulis for Edinburgh
Robt Paterson for Cowper
Franceis Irwing
Alexander Peirsoun for Edinburgh
Alex^{r} Rutherfurd for Aberdein
Iohne Scherar for Stirling
James Bell for Glasgow

EDINBURGH, 3d, 5th March 1612.

In the Particulare Conventioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Edinburgh the thrid day of March the zeir of God j^{m} vj^{c} and twelf zeiris, be the Commissioners of Burrowes vnderwrittin, citat thairto be ane lettre missiue of the said burgh, and be vertew of ane commission gevin to thame be the last generall conventioun haldin at Stirling.

EDINBURGH, Alexander Persoun, George Fowlis; Perth, Androw Grant; Dundie, Maister Alexander Wedderburne; Abirdeyne, Alexander Rutherfurde, prouest, George Nicolsoun; Stirling, Iohnn Scherare; Sanctandrois, Duncan Balfoure; Glasgow, Iames Bell, Walter Douglas; Air, Adam Ritchie; Cowper, Robert Pitersoun; Brunt Iland, Patrick Greif of Balbedie; Dunfreis, Frances Irewyne.

Moderator

The quhilk day, the citation verefeyet and commissiouns red, the saidis commissioneris electet Alexander Peirsoun commissioner for Edinburgh thair moderatour induring this present conventioun.

Quinto Martij j^{m} vj^{c} xij^{o}.

Commissio, Nesbet, Speir. Privileges in France.

The quhilk day, the saids commissioners fynds that at thair last particulare conventioun begun and haldein at the burgh of Edinburgh the threttein of Ianuar last it wes agreyet and condiscendet that ane qualefeyet persoun suld be appoyntet and electit to pas to our souerane lord and maister the

kings maist excellent maiestie, for obtening his maiesteis favorabill letter of recommendatioun directet to the king and counsall of France for obtening ane ratificatioun of the ancient legue betuix the kings of France and his maiesteis subiects and realme of Scotland, and of thair privilegeis, and for keipping of thair customes in the awld estaitt vnhechtet and rayset, with all writts and lettres requisit thairto, quhilk beand obtenit the said persoun to pas to the king and counsall of France and prosequute the same, and at his returne to report his diligence to the burrowes; and for making his chairges and expenssis in the said negotiatioun that ane impost suld be tayne and vpliftet in maner following, to witt: of all guids, wayres, and merchandices cummand out of Normandie in France to Scotland, quhatsumeuir customeis to be payet thair the dowbill of the samyn to be payet in Normandie, to ane sufficient collector or collectouris to be deputt thairto, ay and quhill the chairges deburset be the said commissioner or to him with the interest and collectours feyis be sufficientlie refoundet; and thairfor be thir presents makis and constitutes William Nesbet, merchant, burges of Edinburgh, thair vndowtet actor, doar, and commissioner in that pairt for passing to our said souerane lord the kings maiestie and to the said king and counsall of France, and to all plaices neidfull for doing and affectuating of the same, gevand, grantand, and committand for thame selffis and in name and behalf of the haill burrowes of this realme, according to the commissioun gevin to thame be the last generall conventioun of burrowes haldin at Stirling, to thair said commissioner full, frie, and playne commissioun thairto. And thairafter compirit William Speir, merchant and ane of the bailleis of Edinburgh, and at the speciall desyr of the present commissioners promittit, band, and oblissit him self to advance, pay, and delyver to the said William Nisbett thair commissionar forsaid the soum of ane thousand frankis Frenche monye for the defraying of his ordinarie chairges and expenses, to be debursit for performing of the said commissione, and als to furneis and pay to him all other extraordinar chairges and expenses that it sall happin him to deburs vpon writtis and making of moyane to the forderance and accomplising of the premissis. And for the said William Speir his releif of the soumes forsaid, the saids commissionars hes electit and nominatit the said William Speir collector of the customes and impositions to be vptakin in maner forsaid, with power to the said William Speir to substitut collectors ane or mae under him for collecting

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thairof in all pairts neidfull, and to agrey with thame for thair paynes and expenses for the vptaking of the said impost to be allowit in the samyne, for the quhilks collectors the said William sall be ansuearabell, and he to retein and keip in his awin hand sua mikell of the said impost as sall be collectit be him or his said deputis for his releif as said is; and it is declairit that the said William or his deputis sall enter to the vptaking of the saids customes and impost att the first day of May nixt to cum, and sall indure and continow thairafter ay and quhill he be sufficientlie releifit and payit of all the soumes forsaid and profeit of the samyne, according to ten of the hundreth, fra the tyme of his deburssing untill he be compleitlie payit and satisfeit of all his debursings forsaid and profeitt thairof; and the said William Speir be thir presents faithfullie promits to present the compts of his intromissione be him selfe and his deputts zeirlie heirafter at ilk generall conventione of the burrowes that the samyn may be considerit and allowit be thame as accords; and incaice it sall happin the said ratificatione nocht to be obtenit, quhairby the said collectione may not be had, in that caice the said commissionars promisis to find out ane sufficient way quhairby the said William Speir may be thankfullie payit of the principall soumes, costs, and expensis and profeitt thairof, within the space of thrie zeirs nixt heirafter; and also it is declarit that sik merchands of this realme as payis not the said dewtie in Normandye to be oblist to pay the dowbell thairof in this realme.

Staipill, Commissio, Nisbet, Speir.

The samyn day, the saids commissionars finds that at thair last particular conventioun begun and haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the threttein day of Ianuar last, it was agreyit and condiscendit that the staipill of the Scotis natione presentlie haldin at Campheir in Zeland sould be vpliftit and transportit thairfra to the toun of Midilburgh, the consent and licence of our maist gratious and soveran lord and maister the kings most excellent maiestie being first purchest and obtenit thairto, with all writts and securiteis neidfull for doing of the samyne, as in ane act maid thairvpon at mair length is contenit: and thairfor the saids commissionars, for thame selfs and in name and behalf of the haill remanent burrowes of this realme according to the commissione given to them be the last generall conventiones of burrowes haldin at Striviling, gives power and commissione to William Nisbett, merchant, burges of Edinburgh, to pas to our soverane lord the kings maieste and to acquaint his maiestie with thair procedings

anent the placing of the said staipill in Flanders, and to returne his maiesteis will and mynd thairanent to the burgh of Edinburgh, and the said burgh to present the samyne to the burrowes at the nixt generall conventione. And, for defraying ane pairt of the said William his expensis in attending vpon his maiesteis ansuer thairanent in Ingland, William Speir, merchant, hes promittit at the desyr of the saids commissionars to furneis and advance to the said William Nisbett the soum of tuentie pound stirling monye, as ane pairt of the soum of ane thousand frankis grantit to the said William Nisbett for passing to France. And for the said William Speir his releif of the said soum, the saids commissionars grants and consents that thair sall be takin of everie saik of goods cumming furth of Scotland and arryvand at the staipill in Flanders sex sturis Fleemis monye, and of everie schipp, bark, or crear laidnit with collis tuentie sturis, and of everie bark or crear laidnit with corne ten schillings Fleemis mony; and the collectione thairof to indure only quhill the said William Speir be payit of the said soum of tuentie pound stirling with the interest cost and expensis of the samyne, and the vptakin thairof to be and begin the first day of May nixt to cum, and nominats and appoints the said William Speir to be collector of the said impost with power to deputt collectors under him vpon the expensis of the said impost for quhom he sall be haldin to ansuer, and to mak compt thairof to the burrowes at ilk generall conventione.

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Undecimo Martij 1612.

The quhilk day, in presens of the commissionars of burrowes compirit Sir Robert Denninstoun of Montioy knicht, Conservator of the privileges of the Scotis natione in the Law Contreis, and faithfullie promittit to caus be restorit and delyverit again to George Cunninghame merchant burges of Edinburgh the soum of fourscor seven pound four schillings gritt Flemis monye, quhilk was takin and reseavit fra the said George in the moneth of Ianuar 1610 be Neill Kae, the said Sir Robert his deputt at Campheir, and Iohne Wallace factor thair, for payment of ane scatt of the said George his monye being in his bulgett for contributing with certaine goods castin furth of ane schip of Bruntiland callit (*blank*) quhairof Iohne Broun was maister in the month of December preciding, according to ane decreitt pro-

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nuncit be the said deputt agains the said George and his servants and factors beand at Campheir for the tyme, and to cause the said monye ether to be refoundit be the said Neill Kae and Iohne Wallace or be the persons to quhome they delyverit the samyne in name of scatt, within tua zeirs nixt heirafter the daitt heirof; and this becaus it was fund be the commissionars of the saids burrowes in thair generall conventione haldin at Craill in the month of Iulie last that no monye sould scatt or contribute with onye goods castin or pilleyit, as ane act of the said conventione at mair lenth proportis.

Customes.

The quhilk day, the saids commissionars of burrowes having delt with the taksmen of the customes of this realme for ane certain eas and favour to be grantit be thame to the merchants traffickers in this realme, and finding na sick favour nor eas to be grantit to the saids commissionars expectit, nether anye certaintie or securitie thairof during the tyme of thair taks, hes agreit and consentit that the burgh of Edinburgh, if they think the samyne expedient, sall direct commissionars in all the burrowes names to his maiestie to mein the laitt heavie burdens and impositions layit vpon the burrowes and his hienes leges according to the new book of raits, and to desyr his maiestie maist humblie of his hienes clemencie to tak sick ordour with the saids taksmen as the inhabitants of the saids burrowes and uthers his maiestie his leges may be keipit and continowit in als frie estait as they have bein of befor anent the payment of the saids customs, but preiudice to his maiestie his present profeit and commoditie; and incaice the forsaids commissionars that sall be sent to his maiestie be thair travails and credeit sall procur the benefeit forsaid to the saids burrowes and leges, in that cace and in na uther wayes the commissionars of burrowes forsaid now convenit promits to bear burden with the burgh of Edinburgh in the chairgis and expensis to be debursit be thame in the earand above writtin, be consenting to ane impositione to be vpliftit of all goods pertening to the merchants of this realme as well exportit as importit, ay and quhill the forsaids expenses and chairges be fullie refoundit.

Androw Grant for Perth.
Iames Bell for Glasgow.
Patrik Greif.
Robert Pitersone for Cowper.
Duncan Balfour.
Adame Richie.
Alexander Peirsoun for Edinburgh.
George Foulis for Edinburgh.
Mr A. Wedderburn for Dundie.
Alex^r. Rutherfurd for Abirdein.
Iohne Scherar for Stirling.
Franceis Iruin.

In the General Conventioun of Burrowes begun and haldin at the burgh of Abirbroth the sevent day of Iulie the zeir of God ane thousand sex hundreth and tuelf zeirs, Compirit the Commissioners of Burrowes underwrittin and producit thair commissiouns as follows:— Aberbrothock, 7th July 1612.

EDINBURGH, Frances Nisbett, Edward Ker; Perth, Constantine Malice, baillie, Henrie Elder, clerk; Dundie, William Auchinlek, William Goldmane; Abirdein, George Nicolsone; Striviling, Iohne Scherer; Linlithgoe, Robert Ker, clerk, Gilbert Mure; Sanctandrois, Robert Tailzeor; Glasgow, William Weymes, merchand; Air, Iohne Lokart of Bar; Dysart, David Simpsone zonger, baillie; Hadingtoun, Herie Cokburne, provest; Kirkcaldie, Alexander Law; Muntrose, William Ramsay, provest; Cowper, Robert Pitersone, merchand; Anstruther Eister, Robert Alexander, baillie; Dumfreis, Iames Cunninghame, baillie; Inernes, Maister Iohne Rose, provest; Bruntiland, Patrik Greif of Balbedie; Inerkithing, George Durie, clerk; Kinghorne, Iames Boswell, baillie; Brichane, Iohne Ramsay; Irrwyn, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Air; Elginc, Maister Gawin Dowglas; Iedburgh, (*blank*); Kirkcudbricht, Robert Hall; Wigtoun, Iohne Turner, clerk; Pittinweyme, David Strang; Dumfermling, Iames Reid; Dumbartane, Thomas Fallisdaill; Ramfrow, William Somervell, clerk; Lainrik, Robert Lokart; Abirbroth, Thomas Persone of Lochland, David Auchterlonie; Peblis, Iohne Dikesone; Craill, Alane Cunninghame; Tayne, (*blank*); Selkirk, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be agent; Anstruther Waster, George Simpsone, baillie; Culrose, Iohne Forrett, clerk; Dumbar, Maister Iohne Achesone, provest; Bamff, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Abirdein; Quhithorne, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Wigtoun; Forfare, Androw Huntare; Rothesay, (*blank*); Forres, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Inernes;

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Rutherglen, (*blank*); Northberwick, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Hadingtoun; Culane, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Abirdein; Nairne, (*blank*); Lawder, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be agent; Kilrenie, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Anstruther Eister; Anand, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be agent; Lochmavin, (*blank*); Sancheir, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be agent.

Citatioun.

1. The sam day, the commissionar for the burgh of Abirbroth verefeit the citatione of the burrowes to this present conventione.

Moderatour.

2. The sam day, the saids commissionars maks and constituts Thomas Persone, first in commissione for the burgh of Abirbroth, thair moderator for this present conventione, quha acceptit the samine and gaif his aith *de fideli administratione.*

Houres and ordour of Conventioun.

3. The sam day, the saids commissionars appoints thair hours of meiting to be and begin daylie at aucht hours in the morning quhill tuelf hours, and afternoon at tua hours quhill sex at nicht, and the persons absent at the calling of the rolls to pay ane vnlay of sex schillings, and they that depairts furth of the hous quhill the conventione be dissolvit to pay ane vnlay as said is, and sik as sall depairt fra this present conventione without licence to be vnlayit as absents; and that nane speik vnrequyrit or without licence askit and given, nor intermixt thair ressoning with thair voting for avoyding of confusione, under the payne of sex schillings unforgiven.

Vnfriemen, saillers, forstallers, regrators, outland burgessis.

Forfar, Renfrow, Agent. Montrose, Elgeyne, Kirkcudbricht. Missiue.

4. The samine day, anent the fourt act of the last conventione, it is thocht expedient and ordenit as of before at ilk burgh produce to the nixt generall conventione thair mair exact diligence in writt of restraining and punisching the unfrie traideirs, sailers without tikets, forstallers, regraiters, and unfrie men vsurping thair liberteis within thair bounds and in depryving thair outland burgessis, and give up thair names and places quhair they duell, ilk burgh under the pane of fourtie pund to be payit to the burrowes; and speciallie that the burgh of Forfare vse mair exact diligence agains thair unfrie traiders under the pane of ane hundreth punds; the burgh of Ranfrow schaw thair diligence agains Robert Galbraith and Iohne Hill thair burgessis in causing thame remaine within thair burgh or else depryve thame of thair liberteis and suffer thame to vse no traid without thair burgh, under the payne of ane hundreth punds; and that Iames Winrahame,

agent, vse diligence for restraining and punisching William Brabner sumtyme burges of Muntrose and now depryvit of his burgeschipp and zit continwing in vsurping the libertie of the burgh; the burgh of Elgine to prosecute thair captione agains Androw Schand and to schaw thair deprivatione of Iohne Richartsone thair outland burges; the burgh of Kirkcudbricht to vse farder diligence agains thair unfrie tredders and outland burgessis under the said payne; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

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5. The sam day, anent the nynt act of the last conventione concerning the burghs of Glasgow, Air, Dumbartane, and the rest of the burrowes in the west, for the measurs and tichtnes of thair barrels of hering and salmond, the present commissionars of Air, Glasgow, and Dumbartane agreit and consentit to mak the measurs of thair barrells of hering conforme to the iadge of Leith, and thair hogheids conforme to the full Burdeaux toun iadge, and of the salmond according to the acts of burrowes, and to begin the samyne betuix and the first day of May nixt to cum. Ordeans thame and all uther burrowes in the west to repairt thair diligence thairanent the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Glasgow, Dunbartane, West burrowes. Mesoures of hering, Salmond. Missiue.

6. The sam day, ordeans letters missive of request to be direct in all thair names be thair generall clerk to the magistrats of the toun of Campheir and uther pairts neidfull in favours of David Hunter burges of Dundie, desyring thame to caus the airs and exequutors of umquhill William Young his factor in the Campheir to mak him compt, reckning, and payment of the pryce of certain fyne plaids and merchandyce intromittit with be him, and sauld and disponit be him as factor forsaid, pertening to the said David.

Hunter, Campheir.

7. The sam day, anent the mater of the monopols, bulzeone, tak of the teinths of hering in the Ils, and of Mackenzie, mentionat in the tent act of the last conventione, grants commissione to the burrowes (if anye sall be apointit) that sall meit at anie particular conventione to tak ordour thairwith, and speciallie of the mater of bulzeone and the customes betuix Scotland, Ingland, and Irland, and for perfyting with the Bischope of the Iles the tak of the tenthe of the fysche thairof, and with Mackenzie for grundleive at the fischings, and to report thair diligence the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Teynds of the Iles, Bulzeoun, Customes, Commissio. Missiue.

8. The sam day, anent the mater of the advocations and suspentions mentionat in the elevint act of the last conventione, thinks expedient and

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ordeans, as of befor, that ilk burgh putt the said acts to executione, extract the samin and caus tham be publisit zeirlie in thair burghs, and to report thair diligence the nixt conventione, ilk burgh under the payne of fourtie punds; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Pittinweyme, Kilraynie, Anstruther, Glasgow, Elgeyne, Calsayes. Missiue.

9. The sam day, anent the [13] act of the last conventione concerning the burghs of Pitinweyme, Kilrenie, Anstruther Eister, for reparatione of thair calsayes, ordeans the said burghs, togither with the burghs of Glasgow and Elgine, to caus repair sufficientlie thair calsayes within thair ports and touns and to report thair diligence the nixt generall conventione, under the payne of ane hundreth punds ilk burgh; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Prioritie, Missiue. Stirling, Lynlithgow, Sanctandrois, Glasgow.

10. The sam day, anent the mater of the prioritie and ranking of burrowes mentionat in the [16] act of the last conventione, the saids commissionars continuis the decisione thairof to the nixt generall conventione, and ordeans ilk burgh to cum sufficientlie instructit with thair resolutione in the said mater, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive; and the mein tyme ordeans the burghs of Striviling, Linlithgoe, Sanctandrois, and Glasgow, contendand that nane of thame sitt doun in this present conventione quhill they be called and placed, ilk ane of thame under the payne of ten pund *toties quoties;* and Gilbert Mure commissionar of Linlithgoe askit instruments vpon the productione be the present commissionar of Sanctandrois of ane letter missive direct to the burrowes be the Archebischope thairof quhairin his lordschip calles him self superior and lord of that citie.

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Irewyn, Rentall, Missiue.

11. The quhilk day, Iohne Lokart commissionar of the burgh of Air compirit, and in name of the burgh of Irrwin producit ane rentall of thair commoun good, subscryvit be the provest bailleis and commoun clerk, and the present commissionars of burrowes allowis the samyne and ordeans the samin to be registrat in the buiks of thair conventione, and that the said burgh putt thair said commoun rent to the hiest availl before the nixt conventione, and to report thair diligence done thairintill at the said next conventione under the payne of ane hundreth punds; and siklyk producit the copie of ane suspensione purchest be George Smith, George Finlay and

Iames Blair chapmen as unfrie tredders: thairfor the saids commissionars ordeans the said burgh of Irrwin to caus the said suspensione be called and discusit and the agent to assist thame, and to report thair diligence the nixt generall conventione under the payne of fourtie punds, and thir to be heids of the nixt missive. Followis the said rentall:—Rentall of the burgh of Irrwine 1612: Few mails grassaumes and augmentatione, Robert Broun for the burrow land, the half of the burrow milnes, and half water draucht under the Knodger hill, nyne pund viij s. iiij d.; Iohne Peblis for thrie quarters of the Spittell midow, the half of the burrow milnes, the rodings, the haill new mure, the half of the water draucht under the Knodgerhill, the augmentatione of the aiker of land beyond Annok Water, the Knodgerhill, and for his pairt of the Braid midow fyftein li. iij s. ij d.; Ninian Barclay and Marione Rose his mother, for Scottis Wairdis and for Sanct Iames lands xlvij s. ij d.; the airs of umquhill Iohne Peblis of Bruntiland, for the tuentie schilling land of Gallow mure zeirlie xxxij s. vij d.; Lawrence Scot for the half of the Gallow mure, the loch, and for the half of the Broad midow, xl li. vij s. xj d.; Maister Stevin Tran for the quarter of the Broad midow, the Hie Myre, the tua Faldis, and the loch wards, v li. vij s.; the airs of umquhill Robert Tailzeor for the half of the Rude medow xviij s.; Androw Tran baillie, for the quarter of the Rude medow, the quarter of the Spittell medow, the peice land at the Brigend, and Dalrumpels Wairdis, xlij s. vj d.; Hew Home for the quarter of the Ruid medow ix s.; Bessie Cowper for hir yaird and waist befor hir hous vij s.; Anabell Lowrie for hir hous ij s. vj d.; Niniane Sympsoun for hir hous vj s.; the Laird of Adamptoun for the Freir milve xl s.; Iohne Kid for the Cruik of the Crocefurde liij s.; the four buiths under the tobuith zeirlie ix li. vj s. viij d.; Item, the toundland zeirlie rowpit, counting thriescor fiftie aikers at fyve merk the aiker, by the teynd, *inde* ij^{c} lj li. vj s. viij d.; Item, Busland rowpit lykwayes xxviij li.; Item, the pittie customes rowpit zeirlie lx li. *Summa* of the haill dewteis, alswell propertie as dewteis of the lands fewit, extends zeirlie to the soum of iij^{c} iiij^{xx}xv li. xvj s. vj d.; Quhairof payit zeirlie to our minister vj^{xx} xiij li. vj s. viij d.; Item to Maister Williame Wallace our scholl maister iiij li.; Item to Iames Burell our musitioner xl li.; Item to our scole doctor xvj li.; Item, of clerk and agent feyes xlviij s.; Item, of burrow dewteis to the Cheker ix li. xvj s. viij d.; Item of few dewteis for the Trone xij li.; Item of town feyes xij li.;

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Item of pensione feyes to the procurator xxiiij li. *Summa* of the deburs-ings extends to iij^{c} xxix li. xj s. iiij d. Rests iij^{xx} vj li. vj s. ij d.; by and attour our expenses in keiping of conventiones, intertinement of our kirk, calsayes, trone, harberie and commoun wark and uther necessars for quhilk we ar forcit to mak zeirlie taxationis. Subscryvit with our hands at Irrwing the last day of Junie 1612. Archibald George, provest, Andro Tran baillie, Iohne Dunlope bailzie.

Kirkcudbricht Rentall Missiue.

12. The sam day, the commissionaris of burrowes hes sein and alowit the diligence producit be the present commissionar of Kirkcudbricht anent the commoun good and rents of the said burgh, and ordeans the samine to be insert in the buiks of thair conventione, and becaus thair commoun lands are not put to present profeit, ordeans the magistrats and counsall of the said burgh to caus the samine be lawfullie rowpit and put to the hiest availl befor the nixt conventione of burrowis, and to report thair diligence thairanent the said nixt generall conventione under the pane of ane hundreth pundis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive, and to that effect to be rowpit for fyve zeirs quhairanent the commissionars dispenses. Followis the said rentall of the commoun lands:—Rent and commoun guidis of the burgh of Kirkcudbricht. Item thair is na commoun lands pertening to the said [burgh] but onlie the landis callit the Boirlands quhilkis ar devydet in tua halfis,—the ane half callit the Over Boirland and the uther halfe callit the Nether Boirland; and quhan the ane halfe is under cropt the uther halfe lyis for pasture ay four zeirs about; and ilk halfe of the saids Boirlands is devydit in fiftie skairs or pecis of land quhilks war sett in tak to certain inhabitants of the said burgh for nyntein zeirs and is of long tyme now outrune, and is possessit presentlie bot be tolleratione quhill new takis or rentall be maid thairof, and the samine lands are possessit be the persons underwrittin for payment zeirlie to the thesaurer of the said burgh of tuelfe schillings monye of Scotland for ilk skair thairof, videlicet; item possessit be Robert Haw fyve skairs and the thrid of tua skairs; item be Robert Forrester tua skairs; item be William Makgie ane skair; item be Iohne Blak ane skair; item be Iohne Meikill tua skairs and ane halfe and the tua pairt of ane skair; item be Marione Maknacht ane skair; item be Iames Gordoun tua skairs; item be Robert Bell ane skair and ane halfe; item be William Lintoun tua skairs; item be William Foullertoun eldare tua skairs and ane halfe; item be Eduart Forrester commiser ane skair; item be

Robert Mackernie and Androw Macgonie equalie ane skair; item be Thomas Lowrie ane skair; item be William Clerk, smith, ane skair; item be George Macgommorie ane skair; item be Iohne Corknay ane skair; item be Iohne Gledstains half ane skair; item be William Makilbraith ane skair; item be Jean Lintoun ane skair; item be Niniane Lyntoun tua skairs and ane halfe and the thrid of tua skairs; item be Iohne Muir ane skair and the thrid of tua skairs; item be Iohne Rany ane skair; item be Iames Thomesoun wobster ane skair; item be Cudbert Macklennane thrie half skairs; item be Robert Lyntoun thrie skairs; item be Williame Quhytheid ane skair; item be Iohne Gibsone halfe ane skair; item be Thomas Hall ane skair; item be Iohne Ewart elder tua skairs and ane halfe and the thrid of tua skairs; item be William Foulartone zonger ane skair; item be Iohne Chairtris ane skair; item be Margaret Macklennane the thrid of tua skairs; item be George Cursaid halfe ane skair. At Kirkcudbricht the nynt day of October 1611, the quhilk day the small customes of the said burgh vsit and wont and commodities thairof, efter lauful rouping thairof at the tobuith dure and marcet croce of Kirkcudbricht, is sett for the space of ane zeir to Iohne Kirkpatrik for the payment of iiij^{xx} viij li. monye equalie at Candilmes and Lambes, and Niniane Boddane is beum cautioner thairfoir. The quhilk day the laidill of the said burgh and commoditie thairof vsit and wont, after lawfull rouping as said is, is sett for ane zeir to to Thomas Haw for iiij^{xx} marks monye at Candilmes and Lambes nixt be equall portions, and Iohne Ewat elder is becum [cautioner] thairfoir. Item, the commoun ferry boitt of the said burgh vsit and wont is sett in tak for the zeirlie payment of the soume of fowrtie merks monye. At Kirkcudbricht the penult day of Apryle 1612, the quhilk day the commoun medowis and girs about the toun vsit and wont after laufull rowping is sett for this girs to Robert Edgar for payment in hand of fourscor merks monye. *Et sic subscribitur,* Robert Hall baillie, James Gordoun bailze, John Mekill clerk.

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13. The samine day, the commissionar of the burgh of Kirkcudbricht producit thair act of court in depryving of Iames Makilno in Crofts, Iohne Rainnge in Dunrede, Iohne Mackuffie in Borg, George Levingstoun in Clauchenpluck, Iohne Mackilrae, Iohne Hosteane, thair outland burgessis; quhilk diligence the saids commissionars hes sein and alowit, and ordeanit the names of the saids depryvit burgessis to be insert in this book, and the

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said burgh to chairge thame to find cautione conforme to the acts of parliament and to report thair deligence befor the nixt conventione, under the payne of fourtie punds ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Dunfreis Missiue.

14. The sam day, the commissionar of the burgh of Dumfreis producit thair act of court of deprivatione of Iohne Rowane, Thomas Maxwell namit of Hiltoun, Archibald Aslowane, David Mureman, Thomas Frissale, Thomas Huntare, Iames Huntare, Iames Greir, and Iames Lohirbie, thair outland burgessis ; quhilk the saids commissionars hes sein and alowit, and ordeans the said burgh to caus chairge the saids persons to find cautione to desist conforme to the act of parliament, and to report thair diligence befor the nixt conventione, under the pane of tuentie li. ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Sanctandrois. Missiue.

15. The sam day, the commissionar of the brugh of Sanctandrois producit thair act of court in depryving of Thomas Lentrone, Alexander Peddie, mariners, presentlie induellars in Leyth, thair outland burgessis ; quhilk the saids commissionars alowis, and ordeans the said burgh to caus chairge the said persons to desist conforme to the act of parliament under the payne of tuentie li. ; and siklyk the said burgh to proceid in causing discuse the advocatione purchest be Maister Hew Myles and (*blank*) Methwane, and to report thair diligence the nixt conventione under the payne of ane hundreth li. ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Dysart, Abirdeyne. Missiue.

Glasgow. Missiue.

16. The sam day, the commissionar of the burgh of Dysart producit thair act of deprivatione of David Thomsone in Leyth, thair outland burges; and Kinghorne thair act of deprivatione of Alexander Peddie in Leyth, thair outland burges ; Abirdeyne thair act of deprivatione of Iohne Forbes in Kintore, Robert Finnie at the kirk of Dear, Thomas Meldrum in Auchterles, Alexander Forbes in Turreff, Iohne Alschinor thair, Gilbert Bodie thair, Iohne Beg thair, Thomas Greg thair, and Alexander Black, Newburgh, thair outland burgessis ; quhilk diligence the saids commissionars allowis, and ordeans ilk ane of the saids burghs caus chairge ilk ane of the saids persons respective to find cautione to desist conforme to the act of parliament, and to report their diligence the nixt conventione ilk burgh under the payne of tuentie punds ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. And finds diligence producit be Glasgow for depryving of Thomas Lugie, Androw Angws, Henrie Mureheid, Maister Iohne Horner, Thomas Wylie, Robert Smith, Iohne Davidsone, Mathow Garslaw, Thomas Hill,

David Lidgaitt, Adame Blair, Mathow Farsyth, William Godfrey, Thomas Norwall, Iohne Sempell, Iohne Marschalle, Iohne Ronald, Iohne Gilaspie, Iohne Park, Iohn Wr, Robert Gray, Iohne Hammiltone, Iohne Montgumrie, Iohne Leitche, Iohne Wilsone, Iohne Lairmonth, Iohne Holme, Robert Donaldsone, Thomas Pook, Archibald Howstoun, Iames Cordiner, Iohne Walkinschaw, Robert Wyning, Patrik Young, Iohn Kyle, Thomas Galbraith, Iohne Stewart, Iohne Quhyte, Iohne Smith, Iohne Walkinschaw cowper, Mathow Downie, Robert Parkgill, Iohne Sommervell, Iohne Sprewell, George Gray, Thomas Young, and Iohne Cors, thair outland burgessis, to be na sufficient diligence because it hes not proceidit vpoun citatione ; and thairfoir ordeans new diligence to be vsit be the said burgh befor the nixt conventione under the payne of ane hundreth punds ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. ABERBROTHOCK, 8th July 1612.

17. The sam day, ordeans Iames Winrahame, agent, to insist agains the unfrie men of Piterhead, Turreff, Deir, and all uther pairts in the north. Agent.

18. The sam day, anent the mater of the customes takin be burgh fra burgh at tounland ports, mentionat in the twelft act of the last conventione, gives commissione to the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdein, Air, Strivling, Glasgow, in the nixt particular conventione that sall happin to be haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh or ·els quhair, to intreat and conclude thairvpone; and in speciall ordeans ilk ane of the saids burghs at thair meiting to give in ane particular roll of tounland customes at land ports, burgh fra burgh, and out of thame all to mak ane particular roll or tabell of customes burgh fra burgh to be registrat in the conventione book and observit in all tym cumming, and the saids burghs to report thair diligence heiranent the nixt conventione ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Customes, Toun land ports. Commissio. Missiue.

19. The sam day, the saids commissionars ratefeis and approvis the act of the particular conventione haldin at Edinburgh the sexteint day of Iulie last by past in anno 1611, anent the fisching and taking of hering at Dumbar and uther places, pakking and peiling thairof, the barrels and sufficiensie of the samyne, the ballisting of the fische boats, and measures of the hering, as the said act mair fullie proports, and ordeans the samyne to be putt to dew executione in all points under the paynis thairin contenit ; and the said burgh of Dumbar to reporte thair diligence thairvpon the nixt generall conventione under the payne of ane hundreth punds, as also in restraining Dunbar, Fyscheing. Commissio. Missiue.

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and punisching the unfrie pakkers and peilers of hering, conforme to the threttie ane act of the last conventione, under the payne forsaid; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. And appoints the burghs of Edinburgh, (and) Hadingtoun, and Northberwick, to direct thair commissionars to concure with the said burgh of Dumbar in putting the premissis to executione.

Dunbar, Impost, Missiue.

20. The sam day, anent the desyr of the burgh of Dumbar, crevand augmentatione of the impost grantet to thame at the last generall conventione haldin at Striviling, the saids commissionars continuis the samine to the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Flemyngs, Fyscheing in the Isles. Missiue.

21. The sam day, anent the mater of the fisching of the Flemins in the West and North Isles, mentionat in the fourtie four act of the last conventione, ordeans the burgh of Edinburgh with the commissionars that sall happin to conveyne at the nixt particular conventione to mein the samyne to the Lords of Secret Counsall, and to tak farder ordour thairwith, and report thair diligence thairanent the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Renfrow. Glasgow.

22. The sam day, compirit the commissionars of Renfrow and Glasgow and past fra thair compleints *pro loco et tempore, hinc inde.*

Wigtoun, contra Air. Air, Agent, Missiue.

23. The sam day, anent the complaint of Wigtoun contra Air, mentionat in the [19] act of the last conventioun, ordeans the burgh of Air to tak cautione of Fergus Mackchorter thair burges that he sall not keip buith at Minnigof, nor sell anie staipill goods or merchandice outwith the said burgh, within twentie dayes after his hom cumming from the sail, under the payne of fyve hundreth merks, and the said burgh to report thair diligence thairvpon the nixt conventione under the payne of ane hundreth punds; and allowis the diligence of the said burgh of Air agains Gilbert Mure be ressone of thair deprivatione of him, and ordeans the agent to chairge him to find cautione to desist and seis fra all traid of merchandice conforme to the act of parliament. And thir diligences to be reportit the nixt conventione, and to be ane heid of the nixt missive. And if the said Fergus refuis to find cautione the said burgh to depryve him of his friedome, and to proceid agains him conforme to the act of parliament under payne forsaid.

Cowper contra Sanctandrois, Missiue.

24. The sam day, anent the complaints of Cowper and Sanctandrois *hinc*

inde agains uther, continuis the samyne with thair awin consents to the nixt conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. ABERBROTHOCK, 8th July 1612.

25. The sam day, anent the complent of the agent contra Dumbar for suffering unfrie men to pak and peill hering with thame, mentionat in the [30] act of the last conventione, compirit maister Iohne Achesone, present provest and commissionar of the said burgh, and oblest him selfe and the said burgh to concure with the agent in chairging and taking of ordor with unfrie men, pakkers and peilers of hering within the liberteis of Dumbar, at all tymes quhan he shall be requyrit be the said agent, under the payne of ane hundreth punds to be payit to the burrowis be the said burgh; in consideratione quhairof the present commissionars of burrowes forgives the said burgh of Dumbar all bygane unlyes incurrit be thame throw thair negligence agains unfrie men. Agent contra Dunbar.

26. The sam day, anent the complent of Dumfermling contra Striviling mentionat in the [42] act of the last conventione, ordeans the burgh of Striviling, with consent of thair present commissionar, to suffer the burgh of Dumfermling to sell thair breid in the marcat at the marcat tym of day, provyding that thair twelf pennie loave weye tua unces mair than the twelf pennie loave of Striviling and to be als sufficient breid. Dunfermling contra Stirling.

27. The sam day, anent the supplicatione in favors of Stainhyve for help to the reparatione of their herberie, requeists everie burgh to give thair voluntar help to that work as they sall be requyrit be my Lord Marschell or his lordschips doer. Supplicatio, Staynehyve.

28. The sam day, William Weymis commissionar of Glasgow protestet that the said burgh be nocht haldein to pay na mair extent nor thai that ar ranket aboue thame. Protestatio, Glasgow.

29. The sam day, anent the act of the particular conventione haldein at Edinburgh the last of Iulie 1611, concerning the directione of the commissionars to his maiestie anent the mater of vsurie, and Lord Burlie, mentionat thairin, and anent the soum of thrie thousand pound grantit to thame for thair expenses; and siklyk anent the act of the particular conventione haldein at Edinburgh the threttein day of November 1611 concerning the report of the saids commissionars, and the soum of twelfe hundreth pundis monye quhairin they war superexpendet throw delay of thair depaschment and mentionat in the general missive: the saids commissionars of burrowes presentlie convenit ratefeis and approves the saids Anent the expensis of the commissionars past to Ingland for the mater of the vsurie.

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acts, and for obedience thairof they payit thair pairt of the said thrie thousand punds presentlie to the saids commissionars of the burgh of Edinburgh, except the burrowes following, to wit: Glasgow, Innernes, Jedburgh, Renthrow, Craill, Quhithorne, Rothesay, Forrest, Rutherglen, Nairne, Lawder, Sanquhar, Lochmavand, and Annan, quha hes not payit the samin, and thairfor decernes hame and everie ane of thame in the penaltie of fourtie punds to be payit to the burgh of Edinburgh quha advancit the said monye. And anent the twelf hundreth li. forsaid, the saids commissionars of burrowes has agreit and consentit, and be thir presents binds and oblesis thair saids burghs and magistrats thairof, to thankfullie content and pay the samin, everie ane of thame for thair awin pairts, to the agent of the burrowes in the commissionars names, and to the behoof of the saids commissionars, according to the stent roll, betuix this and the feist and terme of Mairtemes nixt to cum but langer delay, together with the soum of fourtie punds ilk burgh in name of expenses, damnage, and interest liquidat and agreit vpon in caice of failzie. And ordeans the agent to caus rais lettres of horning vpon ane sempell chairge of thrie dayes alennerlie agains the saids burrowes quha hes not payit thair pairt of the said thrie thousand punds presentlie for thair pairts; and in caice of non thankfull payment of the said twelf hundreth punds at the feist of Martimes they have agreit and consentit that letters of horning be direct at the instance of the agent agains the burrowes failzeand in payment thairof and of the liquidat expenses of fourtie pund forsaid, and the agent his dischairge to be ane sufficient relief to the payers.

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Supplicatio, Arbroth. Missiue.

30. The quhilk day, the commissionars of burrowes presentlie convenit, anent the supplicatione of the burgh of Abirbroth for support of thair harberie, mentionat in the missive and [35] act of the last conventione, they have considerit the necessitie of the said burgh for that work, and thairfor ordeans ilk commissionar to recommend the samyne to thair burgh, and to desyr thame to send at the nixt generall conventione thair voluntar contributione thairto, and sik burghs as the said burgh of Abirbroth sall send to before the said conventione requeists thame to give the samine

according to thair liberall dispositione, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive, with provisione that they mak compt to the burrowes of the haill soumes resaivit and to be resaivit be thame and imployment thairof to the said work the nixt conventione generall. ABIRBROTHOCK, 9th July 1612.

31. The samine day, the saids commissionars of the burrowes hes red and considerit that pairt of the general missive concerning the nominatione of ane agent for the merchands of this realme resorting to Ingland, finds the samine maist necessare to be done. Agent in Ingland.

32. The sam day, the saids commissionars having red and considerit the compts of Iames Winrahame, thair agent, of his intromissiones and deburs-ments in thair effairs according to the said compts given in thairvpon, finds the saids burrowes will be awand to the said Iames the soum of sex hundreth tuentie aucht punds ten schillings *de claro*, and in full and compleit payment of all things that the said Iames can crave of the burrowes befor the day and daitt heirof, and for payment of the said soume agreis, consents, and ordeans the samine to be eikit to the extent and soum of tuelfe hundreth punds awand be the burrowes to the burgh of Edinburgh, conforme to the 29 act of this present conventione maid thairanent, and that ilk burgh delyver the samine to the said Iames at Mairtimes nixt under the payne of fourtie punds, according to the said act; and the nixt adiacent burrowes to aduertise the burrowes absent heirof. Agent. Compts.

33. The sam day, ordeans the burgh of Linlithgoe, with consent of thair present commissionars, to bring and produce to the first particular conventione the warrand quhilk they have for giving out of the measures quhilk they have of the pek and firlett, to be considerit be the said conventione as appertines; and siklyke ordeans the present commissionars of the burgh of Linlithgoe to desyr thair magistrats and counsall to constitute ane ressonabell pryce of thair pek and firlett, that the complents now maid anent the exorbitand pryces takin be thame may be removit, and that they report thair diligence heiranent the nixt particular conventione. Lynlithgow. Mettis and Mesoures.

34. The samine day, anent the letter missive direct to this present conventione be my Lord Chancellar and Lords of his maiesteis Secreit Counsall, for electing of qualefeit persones to give thair advyse for setting doune ane book of raitts and customes, and to meit at Edinburgh the tuelft of Iulie instant, ordeans ane letter missive to be direct to thair lordships desyring ane delay of the burrowes meiting anent the customes and book of raitts Buik of Raits.

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and reforming thairof; and if the saids lords grant no delay gifs power and commissione to the burgh of Edinburgh to elect qualefeit persones of thair nichtbors to gif thair best advyse and informatione anent the making and setting doun of the said book, and the said burgh of Edinburgh caus the agent adverteis the burrows of the Lords' ansuer.

Commissio. Tuelf burrowes. Missiue.

35. The samine day, the commissionars of burrowes presentlie convenit gifs thair full power and commissione to the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Aberdein, Striviling, Linlithgoe, Air, Sanctandrois, Glasgow, Cowper, Bruntiland, Hadingtoun, to direct thair commissonars to meit and convein at the burgh of Edinburgh quhatsumever day or dayes neidfull vpon the advertisment and citatione of the burgh of Edinburgh or agent, and thair they or maist pairt of thame convenant to intreat, ressone, vote and conclude in all maters neidfull concerning the estait and effairs of burrowes untill the nixt generall conventione, with power to unlay the burrowes absent and laufullie citat everie ane in ane unlay of fourtie punds *toties quoties*, to be vpliftit be the agent and imployit vpon the expenses of the commissionars convenand at thair discretione; and in speciall gives power and commissione to the saids burrowes or maist pairt of thair commissionars convenand as said is to intreat, vote, ressone, and conclude vpon the effairs of burrowes and maters following, to witt: the mater of the stapill in the Law Contreyes, and for obtening of farder immuniteis and privileges of the natioun at the hands of the toun of Campheir and all uthers neidfull, and in speciall to remember to provyde remeid agains the relicts, airs, and executors of the factors quha defrauds the defuncts merchands and creditors, and for the maner of electione of factors in tyme cumming, and finding sovorteis be thame if neid beis; and siklyk vpon the mater of the pittie customes of burghs; the making of the book of raitts; the mater of the bulzeon, and customes betuix Scotland and Ingland and Ireland; the mater of the tak to be perfytit betuix the Bischop of the Iles and the Burrowes of the teynds of the fische to be takin thair; the mater of Mackenzie and grundleives to the fischears; and anent the fisching of the Flemings in the Wast and North Iles; and siklyk to tak ordour with the compts of the burgh of Dumbartane concerning the taxations, imposts, and the kings maiestie his gift grantit to thame, of the imployment thairof, and Thomas Fallisdaill and Iohne Sempell be wairnit to that effect, and to allow and disalow the saids compts or to continow the

samine to the nixt generall conventione as they sall think expedient; with power also to the saids burghs to nominat ane resident agent at London quha sall be imployit in all the effairs of the burrowes thair, and to condiscend vpone the conditione that he sall reseave for his service, provyding his office stand onlie induring the will of the burrowes; and siklyk to consult anent the difference betuix the frie Royall Burrowes and the Burghs of Barronie, and quhat ordour sall be takin for the dischairging of the saids Burghs of Barronie to vse the libertie of the Burrowes Royall; and siklyk to tak ordour with the burgh of Linlithgoe concerning thair richts to gife out the measurs of the peck and firlott; and siklyk to tak ordour and to sett doun the forme and maner of the payment to the commissionars that last past to Londone for the book of raitts, for maner of payment of thair expenses debursit be thame their iourney; firme and staibell halding and for to hald all quhatsumever the saids commissionars dois or sall doe in the premissis, and to report thair diligence heiranent the nixt conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. ABERBROTHOCK, 9th July 1612.

36. The sam day, anent the supplicatione given in be George Drummond for him self and in name of the remanent deacons of the Crafts of Striviling, desyrand ane resolutione and interpretatione of the burrowes vpon the liberteis belangand to ane burges and frie man within burgh quha is not of the merchand gilderie, and with quhat kynd of wairs they may treffeck not hurtand the merchand gilderie, as the said supplicatione at mair lenth proports; Iohne Scherer commissionar of Striviling and the said George Drummond compirand personallie, the saids commissionars of burrowes continowis thair ansuer to the said supplicatione to the nixt generall conventione, and ordeans the samine to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Stirling. Missiue.

37. The sam day, for dyvers considerations moving thame, grants and gives licence to the burgh of Brichane to abyd and remain fra all generall conventiones of burrowes, excmand thame thairfra for the space of thrie zeirs nixt to cum, provyding that the samin be not extendit to parliaments nor quhair the said burgh is citat for anie particular caus, and also provyding that the said burgh send with the nixt adiacent burgh thair ratificatione and approbatione autentiklie subscryvit of all things to be done in the said conventions, zeirlie, during the said zeirs at ilk generall conventione, with all soumes that they aucht to pay to the burrowes, and that Exemptiouns, Brechin, Lanerk, Forfare, Elgeyne.

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they bestow the expenses that they sould have bestowid vpon thair commissionar vpon commoun warks, and to be comptabell thairof to the burrowes at the expyring of the saids zeirs; and siklyk grants exemptione to the burghs of Lainrik and Forfare for the space and zeirs forsaid and vpon the conditiones and provisiones above writtin; and grants exemptione to the burgh of Elgine to remain fra all conventiones of burrowes be south Forth vpon the space of thrie zeirs and vpon conditions forsaid.

Breichin. Missiue.

And anent the licence desyrit be the said burgh of Brichane to impetrat of our soveran lord ane impost for reparatione of thair bridge and uther commoun works, continuis the ansuer thairof to the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Air. Impost.

38. The sam day, anent the supplicatione given in be the burgh of Air, grants and gives licence to thame to impetrat of our soverane lord ane impost of ten schillings to be taikin anes in the zeir alennerlie of all boats, crears, and uther wesschels cumming within thair harberie or onie pairt of thair libertie, and this impost to indure for the space of nyntein zeirs nixt following, and in contentationes of all that they may exact of the saids boats, crears, and uther vesschels during the space of the said nyntein zeirs to be imployit vpon thair heavin and herberie and uther necessar commoun works and to be comptabell thairof.

Glasgow. Missiue.

39. The sam day, anent the supplicatione of the burgh of Glasgow, cravand licence to impetrat ane impost of ten schillings of everie boatt and bark comming to thair toun, continuis the ansuer thairof to the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Supplicatio. Elgeyne. Missiue.

40. The sam day, anent the supplicatione of the burgh of Elgine desyring ane support, at leist ane voluntar contributione, for bigging of thair port and harberie of Stotfald and bridge of Loissy, continuis thair ansuer to the nixt conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Anstruther Eister. Impost.

41. The samine day, grants and gives thair licence to the burgh of Anstruther Eister to impetrat of our soverane lord ane impost of sex schillings viij d to be takin of everie dreave boatt cumming within thair harberie ilk seasone of the fisching, to indure for the space of sevin yeirs alennerlie, and to be imployit vpon the reparatione and bigging of thair wast peir and herberie, and vpon compt to be maid thairof to the burrowes at the expyring of the saids seven zeirs.

Dysart, Kirk-

42. The samine day, anent the complent of the burghs of Dysart and

Kirkcaldie contra the burgh of Cowper in Fyfe and thair customers in Auchtermouchtie, for exacting of fourtie pennies of ilk horse layd of geir cummand to and fra the marcat of Auchtermouchtie, the commissionars continuis thair ansuer to the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive, and dischairgis thame in the mein tym fra uptaking thairof.

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Kirkcaldy, contra Cowper.

44. The sam day, anent the complent of the burgh of Forfare contrair the burgh of Brichane, bering that the deacone of the cordiners in Brichane everie marcat day trublis and molests the cordiners of Forfar, under pretext of visitatione of their schoone and uther work, vpon malice, compels thame to lose thair mercat, baith the commissionars of the said burghs being present, thair ressons hard and considerit, the saids commissionars of burrowes ordeans the said deacons of the cordinars of the said burgh of Brichane to desist fra all lyk visitatione in tyme cumming of the work pertening to the said cordinars of Forfare, but preiudice alwayes to the magistrats power in the said citie to confiscat anie work that sall be tryit to be insufficient be thame vpon onye parties complent, and but preiudice to the magistrats to trye the insufficiencie of the said work at all tyme.

Forfare contra Breichin.

45. The samin day, anent the complent of the burghs of Wigtoun, Kirkcudbricht, agains the burghs of baronies usurping the traid and liberties of frie royall borrowes and kiping opin marcats, speciallie in Monigof, the commissionars of burrowes understanding that the inhabitants of Monigof hes no richt quhairby they may hald the said marcats nor zit that they have bein in possessione of the samine, hes thairfor for interrupting thair possessione statute and ordeanit that na inhabitants of the frie burghs within this realme sall by or sell in the saids mercats in anye tym cumming, under the payn of foirtie punds to be taken *toties quoties* be the magistrats of the burrowes within quhais friedome the said toun of Monigoof lyis, and speciallie be the magistrats of Kirkcudbricht and Wigtoun; and ordeans all the commissionars present to intimat this present ordinance to their burrowes immediatlie after thair returne and to report thair diligence heiranent the nixt generall conventione under payne forsaid; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Wigtoun and Kirkcudbricht. Misiue. Statute

46. The sam day, anent the act of the particular convention haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the ellevint of Marche last, concerning the directing of commissionars be the burgh of Edinburgh to his maiestie for the

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mater of his maiesteis greatt customes, setting thairof, and making of ane book of raitts of the samine, the saids commissionars haveand hard and considerit be the report of Iames Nisbet and Edward Ker commissionars of Edinburgh and twa of the saids commissionars quha past to his maiestie, and be sundrie writts, thair proceedings, travaill, and diligence in the said mater, with ane letter missive direct to this present conventione thairanent, they allow well thairof and finds thame to have done thair exact dewtie thairintill, and ratefeis and approves the said act of the said particular conventione in all points, both anent thair proceding and forme of payment of thair chairges; and thairfor agreis and consents that the chairges and expenses debursett be the saids commissionars, extending to the soum of thrie hundreth fourtie tua punds nyntein schillings vj d. stirling monye, according to thair compt given in to this present conventione and sein and allowit be thame, sall be thankfullie refoundit and payit again to the said burgh of Edinburgh and thair saids commissionars be ane speciall impost to be uptakin of all merchandice as well exportit as importit within this realme, according to the form and ordour to be sett doun be the commissionars of the nixt particular conventione to be haldin vpon dyvers uthers thair affairs, conforme to ane act maid presentlie thairanent, to quhom the present commissionars of burrowes gives thair full power and commissione to tak ordour thairintill, and to condescend vpon the maner and quantitie of the impost and the tyme of the beginning and indurance thairof quhill the forsaid principall soum and interest thairof be payit; and gives licence to the said burgh of Edinburgh to chuse collectors for vplifting the said impost during the said spaice, for quhom they sall be ansuearabell to the burrowes.

Burrowes absent vnlawet. Chairge agent.

47. The sam day, decernis the burghs underwrittin and every ane of thame in ane unlay of tuentie punds for thair absence fra this present conventione to the quhilk they wer laufullie wairnit, that is to say, the burghs of Iedburgh, Tayne, Rothesay, Nairn and Lochavin. And siklyk decernis every ane of thame in ane unlay of fourtie punds for non productione of their diligence agains unfrie tredders and outland burgesis, conforme to the acts maid thairanent, and ordeans the agent to vplift the samine and to be chairgit thairwith in his compts.

Cowper contra Kingorn. Missiue.

49. The sam day, ordeans the complent of Cowper contrair Kinghorne to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

50. The sam day, grants licence to the burgh of Pitinweyme to impetrat of our soverane lord ane impost conforme to the impost grantit to Anstruther Eister. ABERBROTHOCK, 9th July 1612.

Pittinweyme Impost.

The samyn day, ordeans the mater of the Extent Roll of burrowes, alteratione or continuatione thairof, to be and heid of the nixt missive. Taxt Roll. Missiue.

The samyn day, the said commissionars dissolvis this present conventione, and hes affixit thair nixt generall conventione to be and begin at the burgh of Dumbar the sext day of Julie the zeir of God ane thousand sex hundreth and threttein zeirs. Nixt conventioun.

G. Durie for Innerkething.
Rot. Tailzeor, Sanctandrois.
W. Wemis, Glasgow.
William Ramsay, for Montrois.
Robt. Pitersone, Cowper.
James Reid.
J. Ramsay, commissionar of Brechin.
Dawid Strang, for Pitinweim.
Robert Alexander, for Anstruther Eister.
Robert Hall, for Kirkcudbricht.
Ihone Dikesoune.
George Symsone.
Iohnne Forret for Culros.
Andro Hunter.
Mr Iohne Ros for Innernes.
Mr I. Achesoune.
Robert Lokhart.
Patrick Greif.
Mr G. Douglas for Elgyne.
Allene Cunninghame for Craill.
Thomas Persone, moderator.
James Nesbitt, commissionar for Edinburgh.
Edward Ker.
Constantene Malice, for Perth.
Henrie Elder, for Perth.
W. Auchinlec.
W. Goldman.
Mr A. Wedderburn.
George Nicolsone.
Iohnne Scherar, for Stirling.
Gilbert Mure.
Ro. Ker.
Iohnne Lokhart, for Air.
Dauid Symsone, Dysart.
H. Cokburne, for Hadingtoun.
Alexr. Law.
James Cunninghame, Dumfries.
James Boiswell, for Kyngorne.
Ihonne Turner, for Wigtoun.
Thomas Fallasdaill, for Dumbartane.

EDINBURGH, 24th July 1612.

In the Particulare Conventione of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the xxiiij day of Iulij and xxv, twenty sex, twenty sevin, twenty aucht, twentye nyne, threttie, and threttie ane dayis thairof, in the zeir of God j^m vj^c and twelf zeiris, and the first day of August nixt thairafter, be the Commissioners following, be vertew of the commissioun gevin to thame be the last General Conventioun of Burrowes begun at Abirbrothok the [seventh] day of the said moneth of Iulij, and citate thairto be the burgh of Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, Iames Nesbet, Eduard Ker, Dauid Aikinheid, and Archibald Mairteyne; Perth, Dauid Sibbald, deyne of gild; Dundie, William Goldman; Abirdeyne, Alexander Rutherfurde, prouest; William Lawsoun, baillie; Dauid Cargill; Stirling, Ihonn Scherare; Lynlithgow, Gilbert Mure, Androw Bell; Sanctandrois, Henry Arthure, deyne of gild; Glasgow, Iames Bell; Haddingtoun, Harie Cokburne, Iohonn Lyle, baillie; Cowper, (*blank*); Air, Ihonn Lokart, Ihonn Blair; Brunt Iland, Patrik Greiff.

Moderatour.

1. The saidis commissionars electet Iames Nesbet, and in his absence Dauid Aikinheid, thair moderatour induring this present conventioun, quha acceptet the sam and gaif thair aythis *de fideli administratione*, and apoyntis thair meitings at sevin houris in the morning and twa houris afternone.

Citatioun.

2. The sam day, William Speir baillie of Edinburgh, and Thomas Fyndare, post, verefeyit the lawfull citatioun of the burrowes to this present conventioun.

Buik of Raitts.

3. The same day, the saids commissioners convenet anent the mater of the buik of raitts of his maiesteis greitt customes and reformatioun thairof, mentionat in the act of the last generall conventioun haldin at Abirbrothik, appoyntet, nominat, and electet the persouns vnderwrittin to meitt, convene, intreatt and ressoun vpoun the said mater with my lord Chancellare

and lords of his maiesteis Secreitt Counsall, viz.: William Goldman, Dauid Sibbald, William Lowsoun, Ihonne Scherare, Iames Bell, Androw Bell, of thair number, togidder with the persouns following nominat be the burgh of Edinburgh, to witt, Iames Nesbett, Dauid Aikinheid, thair commissionars, Rychart Doby, Alexander Clerk, Mungo M'Call, Robert Bannatyne, Thomas Inglis, Iames Speir, Dauid Mychell, and the prouest and baillies of the said burgh.

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xxv Iulij j^m vj^c xij^o.

4. The quhilk day, the commissioners of burrowis presentlie convenit ordeans the burgh of Cowper, quha wes lawfullie citat to this present conventioun, in ane vnlaw of fourty punds for nocht sending thair commissioner to this present conventioun, being ofttymes callit and nocht comperand; and ordeans Iames Wynrahame, agent, to vplift the said vnlaw, and to be chairget thairwith in his compts.

Cowper. Chairge agent.

5. The sam day, the commissioners presentlie convenit, for amending the greitt abuses in the tyme of the tak of heyring at Dunbar approcheing, to the greitt preiudice of the merchants and dishonour of the realne throw the said abuses, and for satisfeying the desyre of Maister Ihonn Aichinsoun prouest of Dumbar, being personallie present: ordeans the said burgh of Dunbar to suffer na dowet hering to be brocht bot be the cuntrey pepill, and sic dowet hering as sall be peillit to be peillet in the feylds and nocht in barnes, and the said dowet hering that sall be fund pakket to be confiscatt, and that the pakkers of the sam be pvnist at the sicht of the magestrats, and that the said magestrats suffer na hering to be transportet bot sic as sall be brynt be the toun merk and visiet be thame quhilk thai sall ansuer for, and thir transporteris to be vnlawet in ane vnlaw of sex li. for ilk last, and the samyn to be returnet viseyet and tryet and thairafter maid sufficient to be brynt, and that all the barrellis sall haif the cowpers merk and the vnmarkett beand insufficient to be escheitt, and the merchants to haif recours to the cowper for his releiff, and sic as ar vnmarket and fund sufficient to pay twa merk to the burgh of Dunbar, and the merchants to haif recours as said is.

Dumbar. Dowitt hering Merking of barrells.

6. The sam day, the commissioners of this present conventioun convenit anent the mater of the staipill of the Scots natioun in the Campheir, com-

Staipill. Campheir

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mittet vnto thame be the last conventioun of burrowes haldein at Arbroth the 9 day of Iulij instant, forswamekill as it is the will and plesure of our souerane lord the kings maiestie that the said staipill sall nocht be removet from the Campheir, as thai haif mair fullie vnderstand be hes maiesteis letter direct to the burgh of Edinburgh in Apryll last, and be the lettre writtin to the said burgh be William Nesbet commissioner directet to the pairts of France, as alswa be the report of the first and last commissioners that wer directet to his maiestie ; thairfore thay haif accordet and consentet that the said staipill sall remayne at the said toun of Campheir induring the will of the burrowes, vpoun the conditiouns alwayes and provisiouns following, sett doun in articles to be presentet and cravet be thair commissioners to be direct to that effect : of the quhilks the tenour followis :—

Followis certane conditiouns sett down be the Borrowis to be cravet be thair Commissioneris fra the toun of Campheir at the renewing of the Contract for setling the Staipill thair, induring the will of the Burrowes.

IMPRIMIS. Ane generall approbatioun vnder the seill of caus of Campheir, ratefeying and appreving all and syndrie privelegis, liberteis, and imuniteis grantit to the natioun be the Erlis of Flanderis, Duik of Brabant, Imperour Chairlis the Fyft, King Phillop his sone, thair predecessors and successors, or ony other Prynces or Citeis of the Law Cuntreyis, in the touns of Bruges, Handwarp, Berghame, Middilburgh, and in the toun of Campheir, or ony other townis quhair the Scots natioun had heirtofore thair staipill and residence, and to caus the sam be inviolablie obseruet in all tyme cumming vnbrokin in any poynt, according to the tenour thairof.

2. ITEM. To desyre of new the redressing of thair twnnis heids and meithes in the best deips for the mair assuret entrie of thair schips ; and gif in caise it sall happin ony schips of the Scots natioun to be swa indayngerit threw stormes of wether that thai be forceit to agrie with ane pilatt for thair saif conduct to the heavin and herberie of Campheir and to grant to the said pilatt quhatsumeuir he sall craif for thair conduct, that in that cais the merchants and skipperis of the said schips sall nocht be astrictet at thair saif arryvell to pay to the said pilatt that quhilk thai agreyet vpoun with him, bot the magistrats of Campheir to modifie the sam.

3. ITEM. That thay haif ane plaice appoyntet in thair heavin for our schips, maist commodious for lossing and laydning of thair guids, cleyne

and weill repayret and keipet, and speciall command gevin to thair key-maister to mak continuall place to our schips for lossing and laydning, nochtwithstanding of quhatsumeuir fyscheris being in the heavin, that our mariners haif na occasioun to enter in termes with the said fyscheares. EDINBURGH, 25th July 1612.

4. ITEM. Gif it sall happin any difference to aryse betuix ane of our natioun and the resaver of the custome or toill, the samyn sall be remittet to the burrowmaisters and counsall of Campheir with my lord Conseruator or his deputs, and thai to tak ordour thairwith; and the said tollis and customes to be payet according to the awld tabill as wes in the dayis of Imperour Charles, and that ane list be gevin thairof to my lord Conseruatour, and the payment of the samyn be maid in the auld custoum hous and na other plaice.

5. ITEM. Becaus the toun of Campheir hes imposit certane imposts vpon the guids bayth bocht and sawld be the said natioun and payet be thair awin nychtbours and other strayngers, speciallie vpoun the saip payet be the saip brewares, vpoun plaidis, salmond, and ather wayris, to our greit preiudice, thairfore that all sic impositiouns alredy imposit or to be imposit sall cease in all tyme cumming.

6. ITEM. That ordour be takin that the natioun be weill seruet with warkmen, sledmen, lofits, packhoussis, sellares, for losing and laydning of our guids vpon ane ressonabill pryse, quhairof thair sall be ane taibill maid be the said toun with avyse of the present commissioners and my lord Conseruatour, quhilk taibill the saids warkmen sall be astrictet to obserue inviolablie in all tyme cumming, and for avoyding of all evill consequence ane copy thairof to be gevin to my lord Conseruatour.

7. ITEM. That the said natioun sall be furnist be ane or twa sufficient ludging housis maill frie vpoun the toun's expenssis, quhairin the merchands of the natioun sall be astrictet to ludge, quhilk hous sall be excyse frie of wyne and beir als weill small as greitt, and the maister of the said ludgeing hous to be subiect to sell beir and wyne to the haill natioun als weill merchants as maryners excyse frie. Lykewayis ordour to be takin with the maister of the said ludgeing house for ane ressonabill pryse to be sett doun vpoun thair ordinare; and gif it sall happin ane merchant to inveitt anie straynger to denner or supper that in that case, (the straynger beand frie,) the toun of Campheir sall nocht quarrell the samyn; as alswa quhatsumeuir wyne or beir small or greitt it sall happin the factours

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famileis of the said natioun and schips arryving thair to consume, the said wyne or beir sall be excyse frie; and the said ludgeing house to be in reddynes within sic tyme as the commissioners send thither sall agrie vpoun with thame.

8. ITEM. That the maister of the consergerie with his house and the haill factours and thair houssis sall be frie of watcheing, wayrding, ludgeing of sudderts, and all other personall seruices.

9. ITEM. That incais any variance fall owt betuix ony of the natioun and ane other of the toun for any civill or criminall cause, that my lord Conseruatour or his depute be callit to heir the reasoning and alledgeances of bayth the pairteis and to gif thair opinion before definitiue sentence be gevin out; as lykwayis all differences ciuill and criminall that sall happin to fall owt betuix any of the said natioun amangs thame selffis the samyn sall be onelie decydet and judgeit be my lord Conseruatour or his depute, and the magestrats of Campheir to be secludet thairfra alluterlie, and that for keiping of our privilegeis in tyme cuming.

10. ITEM. That ane prysoun house or waird house be appoyntet for to resaue sic as my lord Conseruatour or his deputs sall commit thairto or releis furth thairof at his plesure without acknawledgeing of the bailie skow or conform to the awld privilegeis.

11. ITEM. That ane particular kirk and kirkyaird, frie for preicheing, prayers, and for buriall of the natioun that deceissis, weill decorit and repayret be desynet be the toun of Campheir for the natioun onelie; and that the said toun provyde ane howse maill fre for the minister to be appoyntet to the said kirk, quha sall haif his beir and wyne excyse frie.

12. ITEM. That thair sall be chosin and sworne in presence of my lord Conseruatour twa famous and weill renownit men for mesuring of the haill clayth that sall be transportet to the said staipill port be the said natioun.

13. ITEM. Incaise any of the natioun haif to do before the borrowmaisters or counsall of Campheir be way of process, that gif thai fynd thame selffis any wayis interest it sall be lesum to thame frelie to appeill and persew thair appellatioun before the Greitt Counsall of Holland als frelie as any burges of the said toun of Campheir; as alswa incais any of the natioun haif to do before the Counsall of Zeland or Counsall of the toun of Middilburgh, in that cais the toun of Campheir sall be astrictet to caus thair Pensionar assist and concur thairwith be his presence and

travail; and lykewayes all sentences pronunceit in favor of the said natioun be the burrowmaister or counsall of the said toun thay sall caus be putt to speidy executioun, notwithstanding of any appellatioun, without cawtioun. EDINBURGH, 25th July 1612.

14. ITEM. Gif it sall happin any schips or merchandise of the natioun to be robbit or pilleit in the sey, and that the (said) pyrats be vnder the jurisdictioun of the Campheir, the said burrowmaisters and counsall sall redelie redres and rander richt thairto; and gif the said piracie be committet be ony other schips of the Law Cuntreyis the said toun of Campheir sall be haldein to assist the distressit vpoun the said touns expenssis, be the travells and presence of thair Pensionare or any other thair depute, in all places neidfull, ay and quhill the said distressit be sufficientlie redressit of his haill damnage and entres.

15. ITEM. Gif it sall happin any schip or bark laidnit with coillis or corne to haif any staipill wayris thairin to lose thair cornis or coillis in Flyscheing, Armwth, Middelburgh, that it sall be lesum to thame to schip thair staipill wayris in any hoy at ony of the said ports to be transportit to the staipill, and nocht to be subiect to pay any custome or licenc vnto the tyme the said staipill wayris be transportet to the said staipill port, and thair to pay the custome.

16. ITEM. That after any schip of the natioun hes payet thair custome and is serchet be the sercher of Campheir that it may nocht be lesum thairafter to any sercher in Zeland or Holand to serche the said schip ower agane, and siclyke that na guidis of quhatsumeuir mark fall vnder confiscatioun bot sic as ar left vngevin vp.

17. ITEM. For eschewing of the dayngeris daily incurrit throw the factours deceis, or otherwayes be defrawde of the wedow and bayrnis or himself in his lyfetyme, thairfore that the magestrats of Campheir sall be bund and oblist to seclude and debar the relicts and bayrnis of any factours quhatsumeuir that sall happin to deceis and all other fra intrometting with the gudes and geir of the defunct, and that the magestrates joyne with my lord Conseruatour for putting of the haill guids and compts, bandis, obligatioun, sowmes of money, and merchandice, vnder swirtie vnto the tyme the merchants of the natioun for quhom he wes factour be first satisfeyet of all the debts and sewmes of money thain restand awand to thame be the defunct; and that incais that thair sall be appeirance of any harmes to

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redound to the merchants of the natioun be any of thair factours in thair lyfetyme that the saids magestrats beand requyret be my lord Conseruatour or his deputs sall concur with thame for putting of the natioun in suirty with the the saidis factouris.

18. ITEM. For eschewing the manyfauld dangers incurrit be the natioun throw the rayne quhairinto thair guids ar exposit in oppin skowtts, as lykewayes of the tvmbling of the said skowts, and the extraordinare chairges that the natioun hes bene subiect to in tyme bygane throw transporting of thair guids from Middelburgh to Campheir, thairfoir that the said toun of Campheir sall be bund to build vpoun thair awin expenssis, with all possibill diligence, twa lang laich hoyes, flattbottomit, close owerclositet and ticht, for preserving the guids fra rayne, with sufficient men and other furnitour requisit thairto, or ma gif neid beis, for transporting and cayreing the guids and geir of the natioun fra Middilburgh to Campheir, and sall be bund and oblist to mak the skowt flott portabill to that effect, and the quantitie of the said hoyes and pryce of the hyre thairof to be agreyet vpoun be the commissioners send thither to that effect; and als to haif and intertein ane sufficient crain for dischairgeing of the said guids at the toun of Campheir with ane convenient plaice cleyne and ticht for lossing of the saids guids.

19. ITEM. That the toun of Campheir sall provyde ane convenient plaice without the toun for recreatioun and exerceis of the natioun, and that plaice to be dedicatt onelie for thame, and all others secludet frome resorting hither.

20. ITEM. That the magestrats of the toun of Campheir sall tak sic ordour with their bomemaisters quhairby the said bome be maid patent at all occasiouns ather be nicht or day for incumming and outpassing of the schips of the natioun.

21. ITEM. That the said natioun sall haif liberty to hunt with dogs, or schoote with hakbuts, crocebowis, or hand bowis, ony maner of fowlis, or foure futtet wyld beists, within the precincts of the territorie of Campheir, without any trubill or impediment maid be the baillie of Campheir or his officiares to thame.

AND, FORTHER, the saids commissioners of burrowes gevis power to the burgh of Edinburgh to eik to the saids articles any other conditiouns and petitiouns necessar for the weill of burrowes.

Commissioun Staipill.

And thairafter the saids commissioners, be vertew of the said commissioun

gevin to thame be the said conventioun at Arbroth, electet, nominat, creat, and constitute Dauid Aikenheid and William Goldman, merchants, thair verray lawfull and vndowtet commissioners, with the assistance, concurrance, and presence of the rycht honorabill Sir Robert Denistoun, of Montjoy, knicht, Conseruatour of the priveleiges of the Scotts natioun in the Law Cuntreyis, gevand, grantand, and committand vnto thame, with the assistance foresaid, full power and commissioun for thair said burghis, and in name and behalf of the haill remanent burrows of this realme to pas to the said toun of Campheir, and thair to deill intreatt, and conclude with the magestrats of the said toun for reestablisheing, keping, and halding of the staipill of the merchants and burrowes of this realme within the said toun of Campheir induring the will of the burrowes and thair commissioners convenit in thair generall conventioun, vpoun the prouisions and conditiouns alwayes contenit in the saids articles to be grantet to the saids burrowes; with speciall power to the said Dauid and William, thair commissioners foresaid, that incais the said toun of Campheir refuis to agrie with the saids conditiouns, in that case thai will and ordean thair saids commissioners to pas and signifie the sam to our souerane lord the kings maiestie, and to procure his maiesteis licence with all letters neidfull to intreat with the toun of Middilburgh, or ony other toun in the Law Cuntreyis, for setting the said staipill thair, vpoun the conditiouns and provisiouns foresaids or ony other that thai can guidlie obteyne. And siclyke grantes vnto the said commissioners, with assistance of my lord Conseruatour, ane other seuerall commissioun in the said mater to that effect; and ordeans the saids commissiouns to be pennet and maid be the burgh of Edinburgh in name of the burrowes or of the commissionares present as havand power and commissioun thairto, to be subscryuet be thair generall clerk and gevin vnder the seill of caus of the said burgh quhome thai desyre to caus the sam to be appendit thairto. And siclyke ordeanis ane lettre to be writtin fra this present conventioun to our souerane lord the kings maistie, declayring thair procedings in the said mater, and humelie desyring his maistie to writt to the said toun of Campheir in thair favouris, and the said lettres to be pennit heir and delyuerit to my lord Chancellare to obteyne the sam past and returnit expeid to the said commissioners with all convenient diligence. And for defraying of the chairges and expenssis of thair said commissioners the said jorney, the saids commissioners grantis, gevis, and disponis vnto thame the

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sowme of twa thowsand punds vsuall money of this realme. And after lang serching and trying quhain the said sowme micht be gottin and delyuerit vnto thame, togidder with the sowme of twenty li. stirling awand be the burrowes to William Speir, merchant, burges of Edinburgh, quhilk wes delyuerit to William Nesbet for passing to his maiestie anent the mater of the staipill, at last comperit Iames Speir, merchant burges of the said burgh and willinglie offerit, band, and oblist himself to pay and delyuer to the saids commissioners presenthe the said sowme of twa thousand punds money grantit to the said commissioners to be thair chairges, and siclyke to pay to the said William Speir the said sowme of twenty li. sterling money. For the quhilk caus the said commissioners willinglie accordet, agreyet, and consentet that the said Iames Speir sall haif and resaue the sowme of foure hunder fourty aucht punds Flemys money to be payet to him in maner following, to witt, in contentatioun of the said sowmes to witt, that ane generall impost be vpliftet and rayset vpoun the guids and merchandise arryvand fra Scotland to Campheir, viz., four schilling greitt of ilk sek of guids, fourty schilling greitt of ilk schip laydnit with cornis, and twenty schilling greitt of ilk schip of coilles, to indure ay and quhill the said Iames Speir be thankfullie payet of the said sowme of foure hunder fourty aucht punds Flemys, togidder with all sowmes that it sall happin the said commissioners to be superexpendet in thair jurney, vpoun compt to be maid be thame after thair returne to the first conventioun of burrowes ather particular or generall of thair expenssis foresaid ; lykewayes the said Iames Speir oblist himself to refound to thame thair superexpenssis gif ony beis according to thair said compt. And for vplifting, collecting of, and resaving of the said impost the present commissioners makis and constitutes the said [Iames] Speir thair collectour of the same, with power to him to deput collectours ane or ma vnder him for quhom he sall be ansuerabill ; as alswa the said James Speir oblissis him to mak compt and rekning to the said burrowes zeirlie at ilk generall conventioun generall of the said impost vpliftet be him or his deputs, provyding alwayes that thair be na allowance grantet to him for collecting thairof, and to gif zeirlie at his compt making ane dischairge to the said burrowes of swa mekill as it sall happin him or his deputes to haif resauet of the said impost, and incais it sall happin the said Iames Speir or his deputs to haif collectet mair nor the said sowme of foure hunder fourty aucht li. Flemys, togidder with the superexpenssis of the

said commissioners gif any beis, in that case the said James Speir oblissis himself to refound the sam agane back to the said burrowes vpoun compt as said is. And for the better suirtie and furtherance of the said Iames Speir or his deputs in the said collectioun, gif it sall happin any persone to mak difficultie in paying of the said impost to the said Iames Speir or his deputes, then and in that case the present commissioners ordains my lord Conseruatour his deputes and officers to fence and arrest the saids persouns thair guids and schips within the said toun of Campheir ay and quhill the said impost be thankfullie payet be thame, als weill vnfrie as friemen resorting thair; and incais it sall happin any of the said persouns to eskaip without paying of the said impost at Campheir in that case ordains the said (*blank*) to gif vp thair names to the burgh quhair thei remayne, and the said burgh to be oblist to exact and vplift the dowbill of thair pairt of the impost that thai suld haif payet at Campheir and mak payment thairof to the said [Iames Speir], and the burgh refusand, vpoun complaynt of the said Iames to the generall conventioun, to incur ane vnlaw of fourty pund bye and attour the dowbill of the said impost to be payet to the said Iames Speir. EDINBURGH, 25th July 1612.

AND anent the impost sett doun in ane former particulare convention for the said xx. li. stirling grantet to William Speir for William Nesbet, becaus thay vnderstand the samyn hes tayne na effect ordains the samyn to ceise and be extinct, and gif any be collectet thairof ordains the compt thairof to be tayne and cum in with the compt of this present impost ather be the said commissioners or be the said (*blank*) and his deputs.

AND SICLYKE, becaus thai haif causet thair clerk to subscryve and gif furth ane act before it wes buiket, for expeditioun to thair commissioners and for collecting of the said impost be Neill Kaa conseruatour deput in Campheir, and now hes innouat the said act be commissioun gevin to the said Iames Speir and assignet to him the said impost vpoun compt for payment to him of the said (*blank*)

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7. The sam day, the saids commissioners heavand consideratioun that thair is many articles and conditiouns set doun to be agreyet vpoun be the said Dauid Aikinheid and William Goldman thair commissioners and the Commissioners Staipill.

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toun of Campheir, neuirtheles the present commissioners gevis power and commission to thair said commissioners direct to Campheir to dispense with sic conditiouns contenit in the saids articles as lyes nocht in the hands of Campheir to grant, keippand alwayes the grunds of the offeris maid be Middilburgh to the burrowes contenit in the saids articles ; and siclyk gif the commissioners can nocht obteyne dischairget the impositioun vpoun the saip (*blank*) and other Scotts commoditeis rayset be Campheir vpoun thair nychtbours quha takis the same agane of the Scots merchants, zitt the said commissioners of burrowes present desyres thair said commissioneris to do thair indevoir referring the sam to thair discretioun alwayes. Remits alswa to the said commissioners directet to Campheir the making of the choyse of the Maister of the Consergerie mentionat in the saids articles, togidder with the setting doun of the pryses of the ordinarie of the Scots natioun, trafficquand and eittand and drynkeand in the said Consergerie; with power alswa to thame to agrie vpoun the pryces of the warkmenis wedges, of sleds, loftmailles, and sellare mailles, the crannage, and the hyres of the hoyis to be bigget be Campheir for transporting of the guids betuix Middilburgh and Campheir.

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Factours.

8. The quhilk day, the commissioners presently convenit anent the mater of the factours in Campheir referrit vnto thame be the last generall conventioun at Arbroth, and heavand consideratioun of the greit dammage and skayth sustenit be the merchantes of this realme throw occasioun of thair said factours, quhairof sum becvmis bankrupt in thair lyfetymes, and after thair deceissis the merchants are defraudet be thair weddowis, bayrnis, and intromittours with thair guids, compts, and obligatiouns : for preventing thairof in tyme cumming the saids commissioners statutes and ordeans and be thir presents straitlie inhibits my lord Conseruatour, beand personallie present, his deputs and successours in his office, to resaue or admitt any persouns to be factours for the natioun in tyme cvming bot sic as sall first haif and report to his lordschip and his foresaids the recommendatioun of the generall conventioun of burrowes. And siclyke it is inactet statute and ordanet that all the factours present and to

cum to exerce the office of factorie in Campheir, or quhair the staiple of the natioun remaynis, sall find sufficient cawtioun that thair merchants quha imployis thame sall haif just compt, rekning, and payment of their intromissioun with thair guids, wayris, and money; and this present ordinance to haif and to be ane begyning in presence of thair commissioners that ar directet to pas ower to Campheir for the staipill, and the said sourteis to be responsall men actet in the Conseruatour buiks and to be renewet fra zeir to zeir; and sic persouns, factours, as can nocht fynd cawtioun at the staipill that thai be cawset be the saids commissioners and after thame be my lord Conseruatour and his foirsaids till tak ane resonabill day to fynd cawtioun actet in the buiks of the burgh of Edinburgh in presence of the prouest baillies and counsall thairof, and gif thair sourteis be chosin furth of ane other frie burgh quhair thai dwell that thai report to the burgh of Edinburgh the testificatioun of the burgh quhair thai dwell of thair sufficiencie; and gif any of the saids factours refuis that the saids commissioners and my lord Conseruatour dischairge thame of thair office of factorie.

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9. The same day, the commissioners presentle convenit beand desyrous to estableis the faice (?) of ane kirk and ministrie for the Scots natioun in the toun of Campheir in the kirk and plaice to be grantit be the said toun, for the exercise of religioun and ecclesiasticall disciplyne, hes thairfoire for themselffis and in name of the haill burrowes of this realme thocht expedient, grantit, consentit, and ordanet that ane minister sall be electet and nominat be the burrowes in thair generall conventioun, with avyse, consent, and authoritie of our souerane lord the kings maiestie, to serue in the cure of the said kirk; and grants and gevis vnto him the sowme of ane hunder pund Flemis zeirlie in name of stipend to be payet and collectet as followis, to witt, that for making vp of the said stipend and the chairges in collecting thairof thair sall be payet nyne stuires of ilk sek of guids be the merchant or his factour in his name, and thre stuires of euerie sek be the skipper and awner of the schip and guids arryvand at the staipill, and euery merchant that sall arryve thair nocht having ane sek of staipill guids to pay threttie stuyris ilk voyage, and euerie coill schip that sall dischairge hir laydning in Zeland to pay ten schillings greitt for herself and hir laydning, and siclyke euerie schip laydnit with corn to pay sex guidlings quhairof twa sall be payet be the skipper and awner and foure be the merchant, and siclyke euerie schip arryvand within the Ile albeit sche be frauchtet be ane

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straynger cvmming from forane pairts to pay ten schillings greitt. And be thir presents ordanis Dauid Aikinheid and William Goldman thair commissioners direct to the Campheir for the mater of the staipill, with my lord Conseruatour, to agrie with the factours for thair pairt of the said stipend at thair arryvall, and to estableis the ordour for the payment of the said stipend; and the collectours of thir dewteis to be ane factour to be chosin zeirlie to that effect be my lord Conseruatour and minister, with avyse of certane of the merchants that sall be thair for the tyme, and to be comptabill zeirlie to the burrowes of his intromissioun at ilk generall conventioun; and the vplifting of thir dewteis to be and begyn immediatelie after the agreement with the toun of Campheir, and my lord Conseruatour to interpone his authoritie and concurrence for the mair reddy executioun of this present act.

Consergerie.

The sam day, the saids commissioners presentlie convenit for obseruing of that pairt of the heids and articles to be gevin in to the toun of Campheir desyring ane competent ludgeing or Consergerie for the Scots natioun to eitt, drynk, and ludge in, statutes and ordanis that all merchants trafficquand in the toun of Campheir sall be astrictet to ludge within the said consergerie vnder the payne of fourty schillings greitt ilk voyage, and that na factour presume to ludge any merchant within thair howse vnder the lyke payne for ilk persoun, and thir penalteis to be vpliftet be my lord Conseruatour and his deputs and he to haif ane thrid pairt thairof for his travellis, the maister of the consergerie ane thrid, and the puir of the natioun ane thrid pairt, quhilk last thrid pairt sall be put in the hands of the collectours of the said ministers stipend for the vse foresaid.

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Commissio. Buik of raits.

10. The quhilk day, the commissioners presentlie convenit gevis commissioun to William Speir baillie of Edinburgh, Dauid Aikinheid merchant, Iohnn Scherare commissioner of Stirling, Iames Bell of Glasgow, and Thomas Inglis merchant of Edinburgh, William Goldman commissionar for Dundie, to convene, ressoun, vote, and conclude for thame and in name of the haill burrowes of this realme with the commissioners appointet be my lord Chancellare and lords of his maiesteis Secrett Counsall, in and

vpoun all sic maters as sall be proponit vnto thame concerning the reformatioun of the buik of raits of the kings maiesteis greitt customes, promittand to hald firme and staibill all and quhatsumeuir things the said persouns sall find neidfull to be done in the said mater for the weill of the burrowes. EDINBURGH, 30th July 1612.

11. The sam day, anent the mater of the pittie customes at tounland ports, burgh fra burgh, referrit be the generall conventioun at the brugh of Arbroth to the present commissioners, thay continew the decisioun thairof to the nixt conventioun and ordanis the sex burghs that were ordanit to present thair taibills at this particulare conventioun to present the sam autentik at the nixt generall conventioun; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Customes, burgh fra burgh. Missiue.

12. The sam day, anent the mater of the Burghs of Baronyes, referrit be the last generall conventioun of burrowes at Arbrothe to the present commissioneris, fynds expedient and ordanis that the burrowes present sall be aduertist be Edinburgh at the first particulare conventioun that sall interveyne to bring the copy of thair awld euidentis and privileges thairto, to the effect that consultatioun may be had thairvpoun for taking ordour with the said Burghs of Barony; and incais thair sall be na particulare conventioun betuix and the doun sitting of the Lords of Sessioun, the present conventioun ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to consult with the best advocats and others quhom thai sall thynk expedient and to bestow the expenssis requisit thairvpoun for forderance of the turne, quhilk sall be refoundet be the generall conventioun; and gif neid beis to send to the principall burrowes for the copy of thair euidents and rychtis and thai to send the samyn to the burgh of Edinburgh vpoun aduertisement as said is; and thair proceedings to be ane heid of the missiue. Burghs of Barony. Missiue.

13. The same day, ordanis Iames Wynrahame, agent, to gif to Sir Iohnn Skeyne, lait Clerk of Register, the sowme of fourty punds mony for the extract maid be him of the infeftments of the Burghs of Barony and producet this present conventioun, quhilk sall be allowet to him in his compts.

14. The same day, anent the mater of the mets and messours of pek and furlett, and of the burgh of Lynlithgow kepers and givers furth thairof, Gilbert Mvre commissioner of the said burgh beand present, ordains the said burgh of Lynlithgow to present to the baillies of Edin- Lynlithgow. Missiue. Messours.

EDINBURGH, 30th July, 1st August 1612.

burgh before the last day of September nixt thair warrand for geving of the said messours quhilk the burrowes hes vsit thir twenty zeirs bygane, and Edinburgh to report the sam to the nixt particulare conventioun that thai may tak ordour thairwith; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. And ordanes the burgh of Lynlithgow to tak na mair for furlett, pek, and leippie, fra the burrowes bot fourty merk in tyme cumming.

Bulzeoun.

15. The same day, anent the mater of the bulzeoun betuix Scotland, Ingland, and Ireland, referrit to this present conventioun be the last generall conventioun at Arbroth, ordanis ane supplicatioun to be gevin in thair names togidder with his maiesteis lettre to the lords of Secreitt Counsall thairanent, at the intreating of the mater of the buik of raits.

Teynd fysche. Isles. M'Ceyngzie. Missiue.

16. The sam day, anent the mater of the tak of the teynd fysche of the Iles, and anent M'Keyngzie, because the Byschop of the Isles is nocht present, nor zitt any for M'Keyngzie, thairfore thai remitt the same to the nixt conventioun generall or particulare; and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Flemyngs. Fyscheing.

17. The sam day, anent the mater of the fysching be the Flemyngs in the west and the north Iles, ordanis ane supplicatioun to be gevin in to the Secret Counsall for commission to repres the same, and the burghs of Edinburgh, Dundie, and agent, to caus pen the samyn.

Agent in Ingland.

18. The sam day, anent the mater of the agent in Ingland, referrit to this present conventioun be the last generall conventioun at Arbroth, inrespect thair is nane present that swits the sam, thairfore thai continew the same to the nixt meitting of burrowes ather particulare or generall.

Primo Augusti 1612.

Anent the expenssis of the Commissioners to Ingland for the buik of raitts. Impost. Missiue.

19. The quhilk day, the commissioners presentlie convenit, anent the mater of the chairges and expenses of the commissionars directit be the burgh of Edinburgh to his maiestie in Marche last for complening vpon raising of his maiesteis grit customes and desyring the reformatione of the buiks thairof, and for payment to thame of thair said expenses extending to the soume of three hundreth fourtie thrie pund stirling, mentionat in the acts of the last conventioun generall at Abirbrothik, hes thocht expedient, agreit, consentit, and ordanit be the saids commissionars that the

impost following sall be vpliftit and collectit of all guds and merchandices as wel importit within this realme as exportit furth thairof at ilk sie port of the samine, and that everie burgh within thair sie ports sall depute collectors thairof at the saids ports for quhom thai sall be ansuerabell, and that all skippers and clerks collect the said impost with his fraucht to delyver the samyn to the said collector and reseave compt, reckning, and payment of thair saids deputs, and mak compt thairof to the burrowes at ilk generall conventione, and this impost to be and begin the first day of September nixt and the first compt thairof to be maid at the nixt conventione at Dumbar, and fra thyn to stand and continow ey and quhill the said soum and interest thairof with the collectors feyes be thankfullie payit, and the soumes resaivit at ilk conventione to be delyverit to the burgh of Edinburgh quha advancit the said soume, and the said burgh be ane act of the generall conventione or otherwayes to gif thair speciall acquittance of the soumes payit to thair commissionars at the said conventione. Followis the said impost: the last hering and fische fyve schillingis, and the hundreth fysche overhead xij d., the hundreth claith and plaiding iij s., the hundreth skins iij s., the daiker hydes xij d., the last salmond v s., the twn of wyne inward onlie iij s., iiij d., the barrell tallone xij d., the linning claith the hundreth elne xij d., yarne the hundreth waicht xij d., caibell towes, hemp, yron, lint, and as, the last v s., pitch, tar and hards, the last xxx d., waynscote the hundreth iij s., the thousand knappald iiij s., the hundreth daills and all uther timbar xij d., drinking beir the last iiij s., the tun of all sort of dry wair geir from France, Flanders, and Ingland, pakket in treyes and coffers, the tun x s., paiper, caird, cames, stiffing, and all uther sort of gross wairs v s. the tun, all danskine wairs the last v s., and all uther wairs omitted v s. the last, and salt and coill to be frie; and the present commissionars aloues for collecting of the said impost to him that sall vplift the samine tuelf penneis of the pund.

Edinburgh, 1st August 1612.

20. The same day, the saids commissionars, at the speciall desyre of my lord Chancellor and lords of Secret Counsall, gives power and commissione to William Speir merchand, ane of the bailleis of Edinburgh, Iohne Iaksone, Robert Bannatyne, William Reid, Peter Blaikburne, and Iames Speir, to meit and conveyne with the commissionars appointit by the lords of Secreitt Counsall, and they to sett doun ane new book of raits to be maid reddie and presentit to the lords of Secreit Counsall before the tuentie ane day of August instant, firme and staibill haldand and for to hald all

Commissio Buik of raits.

EDINBURGH, 1st August 1612.

and quhatsumever uther things thair commissioners forsaid sall doe thairin; and incaice onye contraversie aryse vpon anie particulare to be contenit in the said book of raits, the saids commissioners consents that the samine sall be presentit and ressonit befor the Lords of Counsall; and for fordering the said wark they desyre the saids persones commissionars forsaids to convein with the saids uther commissionars vpon Mononday the thrid of August instant in the hous of Niniane Makmorane merchand, as place apointit be saids lords of conventione in the saids maters, and in caice anie of the saids commissionars of the burrowes be absent it sall be leissum to the toun of Edinburgh to choise uthers in their steid, and ordeans Iohne Lokart and William Goldmane to be heir present at the said day of August vpon the chairges of the burrowes.

Dunbartane. Compts. Missiue.

21. The samyn day, anent the mater of the compts of Dumbartane committed to this present conventione be the last generall conventione at Abirbrothok, gives power and commissione to Iames Inglis and Iames Bell or onye of thame for Glasgow, Iohne Lokart and Iames Blair or onye of thame for Air, and Iohne Scherer and Iohne Williamsone or onye of thame for Striviling, to meit and conveyne at the burgh of Dumbartane the (*blank*) day of August instant or onye uther day or dayes they sall think neidful, and thair to call in before thame Iohne Sempell and Thomas Fallisdaill, intrometters with the taxatione and soums grantit for the wark begun at the water of Leavin, and to tak in thair compts of thair intromission and debursements vpoun the said wark and to allow or disalow and subscryve the samine; and ordeans thair generall clerk to delyver to onye of the saids commissionars the saids persons compts quhilk was exhibit befor the burrowes, and the saids compts subscryvit as said is to be presentit be thame the next generall conventione of burrowes to be considerit as effeirs; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Precept. Agent. Cowper.

22. The same day, for gud caussis and considerations moving thame, schawin and declairit be Robert Pitersone commissionar apointit for Cowpar, excussand thair absence fra this present conventione, they remitt and dischairgis to the said burgh the soum of fourtie marks of the unlay of fourtie li. quhairin they war adiudget, and ordeans thame to pay the rest of the said soum of fourtie pund extending to tuentie marks, and ordeans the agent to vplift the samine.

Henrie Arthowr for Sanctandrois. Iames Nisbett moderator.

Rot. Pitersone, Cowper.
Alexr. Rutherfurd for Aberdein.
Iohne Scherare for Stirling.
Gilbert Mwre for Linlythgow.
Patrik Greif.
Iames Blair for Ayr.
D. Aikinheid for Edinburgh.
Dauid Sibbald for Perth.
W. Goldman for Dondie.
Iames Bell for Glasgow.
H. Cokburne commissioner for Hadingtoun.

EDINBURGH, 1st August 1612.

In the Conventioun of Burrowes haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh, and begun the tent day of October j^m vj^c twelf zeiris, before the parliament, with continuatioun of dayes, be the Commissioners of Burrowis vnderwritten:

Edinburgh, 10th October 1612.

EDINBURGH, Iames Nesbit, George Fowlis; Perth, Androw Grant; Dundie, Maister Alexander Wedderburne and William Auchinlek; Abirdeyne, Alexander Rutherfurde; Stirling, Iohne Scherare, Iohnn Williamsoun; Lynlythgow, Andrew Bell, Robert Ker; Air, Iohnn Lokkart; Sanctandrois, Duncane Balfour, Ihonn Arnott; Glasgow, Iames Inglis, Iames Bell; Haddingtoun, Hary Cokburne; Lawder, William Pringill; Dysart, Dauid Symsoun; Kirkcaldy, Thomas Lambe; Montrose, Patrik Lichtoun; Cowper, Robert Petersoun, Dauid Andersoun; Selkirk, Iames Michelhill; Brunt Iland, Patrik Greiff; Peblis, Iohn Dikkesoun; Anstruther Eister, Robert Alexander; Dumfries, Harbart Cvninghame; Innernes, William Campbell; Innerkething, Hary Kinglassie; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cvninghame; Breicheyne, Dauid Norie; Irewyne, (*blank*); Elgeyne, Thomas Mylne; Iedburgh, William Rutherfurde; Kirkcudbricht, William Makgie; Wigtoun, Iohnn Currour; Pittinweyme, William Stevinsoun; Dunfermling, Maister Thomas Wardlaw; Dunbartane, Thomas Fawlisdaill; Renfrew, William Someruell; Lanerk, Robert Lokkart; Arbroth, (*blank*); Craill, Iohnn Makkesoun; Thayne, Archibald Ross; Anstruther Wester, Robert Richardsoun; Culros, George Bruce; Dunbar, Maister Iohn Aichinsoun; Banff, (*blank*); Quhythorne, (*blank*); Forfare, Iohnn Traill; Rothesay, Matho Spens; Forres,

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Robert Farquher ; Rugleyne, Androw Pynkertoun ; Northbervik, Thomas Lauder ; Culane, (*blank*) : Nayrne, (*blank*) ; Kilraynie, Alexander Betoun ; Annand, Dauid Myller ; Lochmabene, William Maxwell ; Sanquher, Ihonn Broun.

Decimo Octobris j^{m} vj^{c} xij^{o}.

Moderatour.

1. The quhilk day, the commissioners presentlie convenit electit Iames Nesbet first in commission for Edinburgh thair moderatour induring this present conventioun, and appoyntet thair hours of meitting to be at sevin hours in the morning and tua hours afternone.

xiiij^{o} Octobris j^{m} vj^{c} xij^{o}.

Eymowth. Agent. Missiue.

2. The quhilk day, the commissioners presently convenit anent the supplicationn of the toun of Eymowth cravand support to the reparatioun of thair harberie swa necessar to all saillers, continewis thair ansuer to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, and ordains the same to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

xxiij^{o} Octobris j^{m} vj^{c} xij^{o}.

Perth. Missiue.

3. The quhilk day, the commissioners presently convenit, vnderstanding be the complaynt of the deyne of gild and his procuratouris of the burgh of Perth that thay haif nocht conformit thameselfis in thair electioun of thair magestrats and counsall conform to the acts of parliament and burrowes, and speciallie of thair prouest this last electioun, thairfore ordains the said burgh to exhibit and produce to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowes to be haldin at Dumbar, the forme of thair last electioun in writt, to be sene and considderit be the burrowes, and to heir and se thameselfis vnlawet gif thai had nocht done the sam or eles to allege ane resonabill caus in the contrair, with certificaioun and thai failzie and the premissis fund of verity thai sall be vnlawet according to the acts of burrowes, and to heir and se forder

ordour tayne thairanent in tyme cumming; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

EDINBURGH, 23d, 24th October 1612.

4. The same day, fynds guid that ane letter of supplicatioun be direct to his maiestie desyring that commissioun may be gevin to certane of his maiesteis Privie Counsall for conforming the prik mett of pek and furlitt to the awld messour vset thir fourscoir zeirs bygane and presently, and suspending the acts of the said prik mett in the meyntyme.

Prik mett.

5. The sam day, fynds the burrowes vnderwrittin to haif bene absent fra the parliament and nocht comperand be thair commissionars, to witt, the burgh of Irewyne, Arbroth, Banff, Quhythorne, Culane, Nayrne, and thairfore decernis thame and euery ane of thame in ane vnlaw of fourty punds to be payet to James Wynrahame, agent, and he to be chairgit thairwith in his compts, and ordains that nane of the present commissioners depairt furth of this burgh quhill the parliament be endet, and at the ending thairof to convene and tak ordour of thair commoun effayris and subscryve the buik, and failzeing thairof to be vnlawet as absent.

Vnlaying of the burrowes absent. Chairge Agent.

xxiiij° Octobris j^m vj^c xij°.

6. The quhilk day, the commissioners of the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Aberdeyne, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Air, Sanctandrois, Glasgow, Hadingtoun, Dumbartane, Cowper, Lanerk, Kirkcudbricht, Rothesay, Culros, Renfrow, Sanquher, beand convenit, ordains that ilk burgh send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructet in writt to the nixt generall conventioïn to be haldin at Dumbar in Iulij nixt, to gif thair resolutioun vpoun the electioun of ane agent at Court in all thair commoun effayris, and anent his mayntenance; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Agent at Court. Missiue.

7. The same day, the commissioners presentlie convenit, be vertew of the commissioun gevin to thame be the last generall conventioun haldein at Arbroth in Iulij last, after lang conference anent the agent to be electet for the effayris of the merchants and maryners of this realme repayring to Ingland and specially at Londoun, quha ar wonderfullie abuset be the serchours, promitours, customers, and others thair, electet, creatt, and constitute Maister Robert Mure, seruitour to his maiestie, thair vndowtet agent, procuratour, and commissioner for the effayres foresaids of the saids

Mure. Agent at Londoun.

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merchants and maryners trafficquand to Londoun, and this to endure quhill the nixt conventioun of burrowes allanerly, that thai may haif sufficient pruif and tryell quhidder the said office be necessair and proffitabill to the burrowes; and with prouisioun and speciall conditioun that quhatsumeuir rychtis and warrands the said Maister Robert sall happin to purches and obteyne of our soverane lord the kings maiestie anent the said office or anent the impost vnderwrittin, for his travellis and for establisching of the same, that he sall be him selff or his procuratours haveand sufficient power, present the same to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowes to be haldin at Dumbar in Iulij nixt, and submitt and demitt the same in thair hands to be continewet or dischairget as thai sall think expedient; and for mayntenance of the said Maister Robert in the said office induring the said spaice, thay willinglie grantis and consentis that the said Maister Robert sall resaue the entres bayth outward and inward of ilk particulare Scottismanis guids arryvand at Londoun and to mak ane generall entrie in the custome hous onelie, and to resaue of ilk persoun bayth outward and inward that hes guids enterit at Londoun ane grott Inglis money, and of ilk twn arryvand thair of wyne ane grott money foresaid, and of the schip twa pennies sterling ilk tun, and of ilk twn salt cummand to Londoun twa pennies stirling of the merchant and ane penney sterling of ilk tun for the schip, and of all zairne and lynning clayth and all other geir outward with all geir inward to Scotland sex pennies stirling the twn and twa pennies stirling of ilk tun for the schip exceptand alwayes the girthis and tymber, and of ilk twn beir sex pennies and twa pennies the schip, ilk tun of all victuall owtward the merchant ane grott and the schip twa pennies ilk tun, and this to be endure quhill the said nixt conventioun as said is, and for ilk twn of coillis for the schip and coillis twa pennies sterling.

Mr J. Aichesoun, for Dumbar.
Iohne Broun for Sanquhar.
Iohnne Arnott for Sanctandrois.
Iohnne Williamson for Striuiling.
Thomas Fallusdaill for Dumbartane.
Rot. Lokhrt, for Lanerk.
James Nisbett moderator.
George Foulis for Edinburgh.
Androw Grant for Perth.
Iames Inglis for Glasgow.
Iohnne Lokhartt of Barr for Air.
H. Cokburne for Hadingtoun.

In the Particulare Conventioun of Burrowes begun and haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the fyft day of Januar the zeir of God j^m vj^c and threttein zeirs, with continuatioun of dayes, be the Commissioners vnderwrittin, citet thairto be the letter missiue of the said burgh. EDINBURGH 5th, 6th January 1613.

EDINBURGH, James Nesbet, George Fowlis; Perth, (*blank*); Dundie, James Mudy, baillie, Maister Alexander Wedderburn, commoun clerk; Aberdeyne, Alexander Rutherfurde of Rubislaw, prouest; Stirling, Ihonn Scherare; Lynlithgow, Androw Bell; Air, David Fergushill; Sanctandrois, Robert Tailzeour; Glasgow, James Stewart; Haddingtoun, Herie Cokburne, provest; Cowper, Dauid Williams; Brunt Iland, Ihonn Ged.

1. The quhilk day, the saids commissioners electet and constitute James Nisbet merchant burges of Edinburgh first in the commissioun of the said burgh thair moderatour induring this present conventioun, quha comperit and acceptit the sam and gaif his ayth of lawfull administratioun. Moderatour.

Sexto Januarii 1613.

2. The quhilk day, the commissionars forsaid beand convenit, compirit David Aitkinheid merchand burges of Edinburgh and William Goldmane merchand burges of Dundie, quha war directet be the Burrowes in commissione to the toun of Campheir for reestablisching the staipill of the natioun at the said toun, and maid report at length of thair proceidings in the said mater, and thairafter producit the contract and apointment maid betuix thame as commissionaris forsaids and the commissionars for his Excellence Marques of Campheir and the commissionars of the Magistrate of the said toun, daitet at Campheir the nynteint of November the zeir of God 1612 zeirs, under the subscriptions of the saids commissionars and seill of the said toun, togither with the translation thairof in Scots, and ane act of the Conservatorie vpon the agriement with the factors anent the Staipill. Aikinheid, Goldeman.

EDINBURGH, 6th January 1613.

payment of thair pairt of the ministers stipend to be placit at Campheir for serving of the natioun, with ane uther act subscryvit be the saids factors to that sam effect, and als producit the offers maid be Neill Kay and Alexander Gwyne desyring to be maiesters of the Consergerie, quhilk writts war delyverit to Iames Nisbet commissionar for the burgh of Edinburgh to be keipet be the said burgh to the vse of the saids burrowes; and thairafter the said David Aikinheid and William Goldmane gave in and producit the compt of thair expenses in the said voyage extending the haill to the soum of four thousand aucht hundreth tuentie thri li. ellevin s. 4d. Scots monye, they beand long tym detynit in the said toun and constrainit to cum hom be Ingland in this deid and paroulus tym of zeir, of the quhilk soum ther was payet to the saids commissionars the soum of tua thousand punds Scots monye be Iames Speir merchand; for refounding quhairof to the said Iames and of the soum of tuentie li. stirling monye payit be him to William Nisbet for defraying of his chairges thair was allowit unto him the soum of four hundreth fourtie aucht li. Fleams monye, to be vpliftit be him of the impost grantit for defraying the saids commissionars chairges, conform to ane act maid of before thairanent, and sua rests awand to the saids commissionars the soum of fyfe hundreth thrie score sex punds Fleams monye, and thairfor ordeans the said Iames Speir to proceid and continow in the vplifting of the said impost; and farder for supplie of the former impost and for the mair readie payment to be maid to the saids commissionars of thair said expenses, the saids commissionars of burrowes grants and consents, and be thir presents ordeans the impost following to be vpliftit and receavit at Campheir of all guids importit to Scotland thairfra, to wit, in Fleams monye, of ilk coffer tua schillings Fleams, ane caice j s., ane quheit trie ane schilling, ane punscheon sex gritt, ane Inglis trie 6 gritt, ane alm trie four gritt, ane trie copras four gritt, ane trie midoxe four gritt, ane barrell saip tua gritt, ane barrell orcheard litt tua gritt, ane barrell unzeons or appels ane orquie, ane creill of pans sex gritt, ane ball mader sex gritt, ane pok brissel four gritt, ane pok houp thrie gritt, ane pak towis tua gritt, ane pak smak tua gritt, ane ball annetseids four gritt, ane pok unzeonseid tua gritt, ane pok hards tua gritt, ane thousand yrne sex gritt; and this impositione togither with the uther to indure ey and quhill the saids expenses of the saids commissionars be completlie payit, and sik as maks not thankfull payment of the saids imposts at the port of Campheir,

both the pairteis and burghs sall be subject to the sam penalties contenit in the act of the goods importit to Campheir, to wit, the doubling of the impost and fourtie li. vpon ilk burgh. And maks and constituts the said Iames Speir and his deputs collectors of the said imposts vpon compt and reckning to be maid be him to the burrowes at ilk conventioun generall; and ordeans the said Iames of his awin consent to pay to the saids commissionars the soum of tua thousand aucht hundreth tuentie thrie punds ellevin schillings four d. as the rest of the said totall soum of four thousand aucht hundreth tuentie thrie punds ellevin schillings four d.; for his relief quhairof the saids commissionars alowes to him the soum of fyfe hundreth thriescor sex punds Fleams monye to be upliftit and resavit be him of the saids imposts vpon compt as said is. And if it sall happin the commissionars forsaids to be astrictit to content and pay to the fischers that did accompanie thame in thair voyage homward for the saiftie of thair persouns anye soums of monye, in that caice the present commissionars ordeans the said Iames Speir to refound the same unto thame, and to vplift the samine of the impositione grantit for the defraying of thair chairges. And last the saids commissionars presentlie convenit acceptit and allowit the proceidings of the said David and William in thair said commissione given to thame in the said mater, and be thir presents ratefeis and allowis thair haill proceidings in the said mater in all points.

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3. The samyn day, the saids commissionars understanding that the Magistrat of Campheir hes agreit to erect ane Consergerie hous in thair said toun for the vse of the nation, conforme to ane act of the said agriement maid thairanent, thairfor the saids commissionars hes electit nominatit and creatit Alexander Gwine factor in Campheir to be maister of the said consergerie house, induring alwayes the good will and pleasure of the saids commissionars of burrowes; and ordeans the burgh of Edinburgh to advertise the said Alexander that the said Alexander may be present at the nixt generall conventione of burrowes to be haldin at Dumbar in Iulie nixt to cum, to the effect he may receave sik iniunctions as it sall pleis the said generall conventione to inioyne to him, and to the effect he may be sworne and resaivit, as lykwayes to find cautione for his trew and loyall service to be done be him thairin.

Gwyne, Consergerie.

4. The sam day, the saids commissionars ordeans Iames Nisbet, David Aikinhead, and William Goldmane to caus pen ane ansuer to the letter

Campheir. Minister.

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directit to the burrowes from the magistrat of Campheir, togither with all uther letters that the said persons sall think meit and expedient for the weill of the burrowes anent the mater of the staipell, and to adverteis the said toun be thair lettres to mak readie the consergerie house, kirk, and minister's house, again the last day of May nixt to cum; and siklyk ordeans the saids persons to direct ane letter in name of the burrowes to Thomas Cunninghame, factor, collector appointit for collecting and vplifting of the impost grantit for the ministers stipend, to the effect the said impositione may be and begin the first day of March nixt to cum.

Campheir, kirk.

5. The sam day, the saids commissionars being carefull to have ane kirk planted in the toun of Campheir for the vse of the natioun, and understanding that the said toun hes agreit and condescendit to the said kirk, and that thair is na minister nominat as yit to serve thairin: Thairfor the saids commissionars ordeans everie burgh heir present to serche, try, and inquyre for ane honest and qualefeit persone quha may preitche in the said kirk, and to report thair diligence thairanent the nixt generall conventione.

Perth vnlawet. Chairge agent.

6. The sam day, Iames Winrahame, agent, having verefeit the laufull citatione of the burgh of Perth to this present conventione, quha compirit not, thairfor the present commissionars unlayes the said burgh of Perth in ane unlay of fourtie punds for thair absence fra this present conventione, and ordeans the agent to vplift the samyne and to be chairgit thairwith in his compts.

Precept. Agent. Aikinheid.

7. The sam day, forsuamikill as Dauid Aikinhead, vpon the refusall of Iames Winrahame, agent, and at the speciall desyre of the present commissionars of burrowes, hes debursit the soum of threttie punds for certane writts, belanging to the saids burrowes, thairfor they ordean the said agent to refound the samyne to the said David Aikinhead or anye having power from him, at the nixt generall conventione to be haldin at Dumbar in Iulie nixt to cum, quhairanent thir presents sall be his warrand.

Contract of the staipill.

8. The samyn day, the saids commissionars ordeans the Contract maid betuix the Burrowes and the toun of Campheir, of the dait the nynteint day of November the zeir of God 1612 zeirs, translatit out of Frenche in Englische, to be insert and registrat in thair conventione book, *in futuram rei memoriam.*

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H. Cokburne for Hadingtoun.
Ihone Ged for Brunt Iland.
Dauid Fergushill for Ayr.
Iohne Scherar for Stirling.
Andro Bell for Linlythgow.
Dauid Wiland for Cupar in Fyff.
Iames Nisbett moderator.
George Foulis for Edinburgh.
Iames Mudie commissioner.
Alex^r Rutherfurd for Aberdein.
Robertt Tailzour for Sanctandrois.
Iames Steuart for Glasgow.

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FOLLOWIS THE AUTENTICK COPY OF THE CONTRACT, maid betuixt Dauid Aikinheid, merchand, burges of the burgh of Edinburgh, and William Goldmane, merchand, burges of the burgh of Dundie, commissioneris for the pairt of the Burrowis of the kingdome of Scotland, directit be the saidis Burrowis to the toun of Campheir for reestaiblisching the staple of the natioun, assisted be Sir Robert Dannelstoun, Lord Conservator, on the ane pairt; and Messire Jacques de Maldere, Sieur de Haijs etc., President, representing the Noble Estaittes and Counsall of Zeland, Sieur Iohne Maregualt, baillie of the said toun and Marquesate, commissioners for the pairt of his Excellence Marques of the said toun, and Iohne Pitersone Van Essen, Maister Iasper Apollony, burrowmaisteris, and Enoch Pottei, pensionars deputtes for the pairt of the magistrat of the said toun, on the vther pairt; of the dait the nyntene day of November the zeir of God ane thousand sex hundreth and tuelf zeires; translaitted out of French in English:

ALBEIT it be of veritie that of longe tyme the Scottis natioun hes had thair remaining and keipit the staiple of thair merchandices in this Toun of Campheir, and that thair hes bene auld alyances alsweill betuixt the Princes as the people on both pairtis, also contractis, be the quhilkis the Natioun and the said toun of Campheir ar mutuallie bund and obleissit, zit of laite the Lordis Commissioneris of Borrowis within the kingdome of Scotland vpone certane consideratiounes had deliberatit to remove thair staiple frome heir and to estaiblisch the samyne in sum vther plaice, nochttheles in consideratioun of the foresaid allyances and the good will and plesour of his Maiestie the King of Great Britane quha hes bene solicitatit in favour of the said toun, as lykwayis the lordis commissioneris of the Borrowis of the kingdome of Scotland, it hes pleasit the Lordis Commissioneris of the saidis Borrowis to direct hither thair commissioneris, Dauid Aikinheid

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merchand burges of Edinburgh, and William Goldman merchand burges of the burgh of Dundie, assistit be Sir Robert Dannelstoun lord Conservatour, with full power and commissioun to thame to treate of new in thair names with the Magistrat of this toun concerning the remaining of the said staiple within the samyne, as is evident be the commissioun of the foresaidis Lordis Commissioneris of Burrowis, of the dait the tuentie fyft day of Iulij the zeir of God j^{m} vj^{c} and tuelf zeires, subscryuit be thair secretar Guthre ; be vertew of the quhilk commissioun the saidis commissioneris assistit as of before on the ane pairt, and Messire Jacques de Maldere Sieur de Haijs etc. President and representing the Noble Estaittis and Counsall of Zealand, together with Jan de Maregualt baillie of the said toun and Marquesat, compeiring be speciall commissioun for the pairt of his Excellence Marques of the said toun, and the deputtes of the said magistrat of the said toun of Campheir, to witt, the richt honorabill Iohne Pitersone Van Essen, Maister Iaspar Apollony, and Maister Enoch Pottey pensioner of the said toun, on the vther pairt, after dyvers communicatiounes vpone the propositiounes and demandis of the saidis commissioneris, are finallie agreit vpone the pointes and articles following :—

1. IMPRIMIS His Excellence as Marques of this toun, Borrowmaisters, Eschivins and Counsall of the samyne, promises to approve and ratifie all and haill the priueleges, liberties, and immunities that heirtoofore hes bene grantit to the Scottis natioun be the laitt Emperour Chairles the Fyft, Phillip the secund king of Spaine, Duik of Braband, Countis of Flanders, or ony vther Princessis of the Law Cuntreyis, in the tounes of Birges Antwarp and vtheris quhair the said natioun hes had thair staiple and residence heirtofore, with all the conditiounes grantit to the said natioun in the zeir of God ane thowsand fyve hundreth thrie score auchtene, be the foresaidis burrowmaisters, eschevins, and counsall.

2. AND, to the end that the natioun be not frustratit of the word of God and of the exercise of the reformit religioun in thair awin proper languaige, the magistrat sall provyde ane proper and commodious kirk quhair they may heir preitching, prayeris, and the sacrament celebratit, with ane buriell plaice to burye thair deid, and sall provyde for thair minister ane honest hous with all the priueleges injoyit be the factours of the said natioun.

3. FARDER the said magistrat promises, for eviting of all perellis and

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dainger that may happin to the schippis of the natioun, to interteyne continuallie the markis, meithes, and twnes in the mouth of the channell of this toun, and gif it sal happin that anie Scottis schips be tempest or storme of wether be compellit to promeis to pillotis quhatsumeuir they sall requyre for inbringing of thame, the maisteris at thair saif aryvell sall not be haldin to pay all that thai promisit, bot the magistrat sall modifie the samyn according to ressoun.

4. TO THE EFFECT the natioun may be weill accommodit with ane convenient plaice within the heaven, the magistrate apointes the haill schore qnhairwith they haif bene seruit in tyme bygane, to witt frome the gritt brig to the hous callit the Olyphant, and gif the schipis of the natioun salhappin to be heir in swa grit number that the foresaid plaice cannot suffice thame, in that caice they salbe accommodeit with farder boundis neidfull in causing remove all vther schips from the schore be the peirmaister, to the end that na contraversie fall out betuixt the marineris and anie of the natioun; and the said magistrat sall tak sic ordour in this point that nane of the natioun sall haif iust caus to complene; and the said peirmaister salbe haldin to intertynnie the said plaice of the schore void and cleane quhairby the schips of the natioun may more commodiouslie lose and laidin without any impaschment made to thame, and sall haif cair that all occasiounes in the incumming and outgoing of thair schips the heaven salbe patent without anye impediment.

5. LYKWAYES the merchandis arryving at the port salbe weel servit by pynores, laboreris, warkmen, sellers, and loftis, at ane ressonabill pryce according to ane taible maid be the Commissioners, Conservatour, and Magistrat of this toun, delyverit to the saidis commissioners and lord Conservatour, and the saidis laboreris and warkmen salbe haldin to observe and keip the samin inviolabillie as it is sett doun be the saidis commissioners. And lykewayes all the merchandice lost out of thair schippis salbe transportit af the schore in winter before thrie houres efternone and in summer before sax houres at nicht.

6. THE MAGISTRATT of the said toun sall mak choice of ane or twa famous men quha in presence of my lord Conservatour sall mak faith to mett and mesour trewly all the cloath and plaidis of the natioun, and farder obleissis thame to mak the yrne wecht of the wey hous heir conforme to the wecht of the wey hous of Middilburgh.

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7. As concerning the impositioun heirtofoir layit vpone the skins, hyds, plaidis, and salmond, payit be thair nichtboures and vther straingeris quha bought the samin within this toun, the said magistrat renunces the samin for the present and sall not impose the samin in any tyme cumming.

8. If it salhappin any questioun to aryse betuixt the ressaiver of the toll and onye of the said natioun the said tollmaister salbe haldin to intend and persew his actioun before the magistrate of this toun, and sic order salbe takin that nane of the natioun salbe extortionatit bot the said toll salbe dewlie payit according to the auld listis and taibles, quhairof ane copey salbe gevin to the commissioneris and my lord Conservatour.

9. And gif anye questioun or actioun aither ciuile or criminall fall out betuixt any of the said natioun and anie of the subjectes of thir pairtis, and my lord Conseruatour or his deputtes salbe desyrit, as also in any actioun that may fall out betuixt any of the said natioun and the resaiver of the toll, not only to heir and vnderstand the contraversie gif it pleis him bot also to alledge quhat he sall think expedient for the richt of the said natioun before that it salbe leasume to the said magistrat to geve out sentence definitive; and gif it salhappin any questioun or contraversie aither ciuile or criminall to fall out betuixt any of the natioun among thame selffis, the actioun salbe judgit and decydit be sentence definitive of my lord Conservatour and his assistance, sua that na judge or magistrat of this toun sall haif power to deale therin according to the ancient custome.

10. If any of the Scottis natioun find him self greivit be the decreittes and sentences of the said magistrat it salbe leasume to him to apeale *omisso medio* to the Great Counsale of Holland als frielie as anie burges of this toun, and the decreittes and sentences gevin in favour of the Scottis natioun sall with all expeditioun be put to executioun according to the priveleges of the said toun and lawis of the cuntrey; and gif it salhappin anye of the said natioun to haif adoe before the Lordis of the Counsall of Zeland, lords of the Admiralty or the counsall of the toun of Middilburgh, for the staying of thair schips, or for the confiscatioun of thair merchandices, or for the inward custome of guides cumming from Scotland hither, beand fund insufficient, the said magistrat sall assist theme be the pensioner or any vther of thair counsall to the effect the natioun may be weel vsit and favourit as ane of our burgessis.

11. Item, thair salbe provydit to the said natioun ane sufficient hous

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that sall serue thame for ane Consergarie, vpone the tounes chairges, quhair all the merchandis and marineris cumming from Scotland may ludge, or at leist salbe haldin to dyne, soupe, eat, and drink at all occasiounes, and the said hous with the Scottis schips salbe exemit and fred of all excyses and impositiounes layit vpone wyne and beir both strong and small in sick quantitie as salbe neidfull to be consumit within the hous or schips foresaidis. And incais the said hous be not capabill and the number of the natioun be sua grit that the said hous can not ludge theme, besyd these that may retire them to thair factours houssis for the bedding only, the said magistrat salbe haldin to inlairge the said hous and mak it of sufficient greatnes, quhilk failzeing they accord ane vther hous or sould vpone the natiounes awin expenssis for the resaiving and ludging of the merchandis and marineris, the quhilk hous sall haive the lyk priueleges and franchises and salbe rewlit in all thinges as the Consergerie. And for eviting of all fraud that may fall out to the preiudice of the commounweel and toun, it sall not be leasume to the Maister of the Consergerie nor to ony vther of the natioun to sell any beir or wyne to burgessis or ony vtheris not being of the natioun, nether in grit nor small, to be consumit ather within or without the said hous vnder payne of punishment according to the lawis of the cuntrey, and as ane of our awin burgessis. Also it sall not be lesum to sell anie beir or wyne to anie of the natioun to be consumit out of the said hous bot in tyme of necessitie vnder the samyne payne. And incais anie merchand inveitt to denner or supper anie vther not being of the said natioun, being be the said merchand defrayit, it salbe leasum and permittit to him, and the said Maister of the Consergerie salbe haldin to pay no maill nor mak anie reparatioun except in sic things as be him or his ar hurt and indamnagit. And the Consergerie with the kirk and ministers hous salbe reddie in the month of Maij nixtocum.

12. AND the haill Scottis factours sall haif the lyk exemptioun and priueledge of thair wyne and beir, als weill strong as small, for the prouisiounes of thair families only and to be consumit dewlie. The Scottis merchandis heir or elsquhair sall not mak thair bloks or bargane within the hous of the Consergerie nor in thair awin houssis bot in the tavernes of the toun according to vse and wont. The Maister of the Consergerie nor zit na vther Scottis factouris salbe haldin to watch, warde, nor to doe any vther personall seruice, nor to ludge sudderts or vther men of weir.

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13. LYKWAYIS ane prissoun hous salbe appointit within the toun quair my lord Conseruatour or his depute may imprisoun any sic as be him ar confynit, and to relieve at his plessour without acknowledgment of the magistrate of the said toun.

14. ITEM, for the natioun thair salbe appointit ane plaice or field without the toun for thair pastyme and recreatioun; as also it salbe leasume to my lord Conservatour and vtheris merchandis, factours, and men of qualitie to hunt and schute with the hagbute through all the precinct of the territorie of Campheir according to the lawis of the cuntrey, and als frielie as these quha ar priueledgit.

15. IF IT SALHAPPIN anye schips of the natioun cumming to this heaven laidnit with the merchandices of the staiple to be robbit or pylat be pirattis, the magistrate gif it be in his power sall geve breif and summer iustice for the restitutioun of the robbit goodes; and gif the said pilattis be of ony vther plaice within the Vnited Provinces the said magistrate salbe obleissit to gif help and assistance to the pairties robbit, be thair Pensioner or any vther of the number vpone the tounes chairges, to follow and persew in all plaices for the recoverie of thair robbit goodes.

16. AND gif it be storme of weather or vtherwayes anie schip of the natioun as said is, beand neir to the toun and in dainger, the said magistrat salbe haldin to furnish schips, men, cabellis, anchores, and vther cordage for thair help and assistance gif it be possible, vpone the saidis toun expenssis, bot gif it sall happin anye merchandise to be lichtit the saidis merchandice sall pay all the expenssis. And gif (as God forbid) any schip perish, sic merchandice as salhappin to be saivit sall pay all the chairges according to the lawes of the cuntrey and as the guides or ane of our awin burgessis.

17. AND to the end the natioun may be better servit and accommodeit in transporting of thair merchandise from Middilburgh hither, inrespect that in the winter season sume tyme they ar hurt and damnifeit be raine, the magistrat of the toun sall caus build twa or thrie boates, or mae gif neid beis, flatt bottomit, covered and overlappit, ticht vnder and above, furnishit with men and vther necessars for serving in the saidis bottis of sick quantitie as the brig vpone the passaige will permitt, that they of the natioun may be weill seruit at all occasiounes according to the tyme and seasoun of the zeir, vpon sic pryces as salbe agreit vpone be the commissioners, my lord conservatour, and the deputtes of this toun; and to mak

the passages be water potative to the saidis bottis sa far as in theme lyes; and sall intertinnie ane cran for dischairging of the saidis bottes, and keip the plaice voide and cleane quhair they lose, and sall caus build besyd the cran ane hous of timber covered for keiping of the merchand guides frome raine.

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18. THE said magistrat sall hald frie the Scottis natioun of the payment of the impositioun of the convoy of anie merchandices of the staiple cumming from Scotland to this toun; and gif it salhappin that anie new impositioun heirefter salbe layit vpone the saidis merchandices, quhair it salbe fund that the Inglish natioun salbe frie and exemit at Middilburgh, the said magistrat salbe bund to be frie and exime the said natioun heir.

19. AND FARDER, for the love and affectioun that the said magistrat beires to the Scottis natioun, thai obleis thame to caus the said natioun injoy all these priviledges, immunities, liberteis, and exemptiounes quhilkis the Inglish natioun presentlie injoyes at Middilburgh, or may injoy at any tyme heirefter, provyding that it be in the power of the said toun ather to procure or gev the samyn.

20. AND BECAUS the merchandis findis theme selffis oft desaivit be the factours and thair aires, thairfore the said Magistrate promises at the desyre of my lord Conservatour or his depute at all occasiounes neidfull, being requyrit, to put in inventure all the guides, gold, siluer, compts, obligatiouns and merchandice of the defunct, or of thair factours in thair lyfetime, be suspected to faill quhairby richt and iustice may be done among the creditours, according to the lawis and custome of the cuntrie and of this toun; and gif it salhappin any merchandices to be fund in the defunctis houssis perteining to the merchands of the natioun, frie and vnsauld without burdene, ather be the merchand or factour, in that caice it salbe leasum to the awneris of the saidis guides to intromet with the samyne.

21. AND incaice (as God forbid) that be anie motioun of weir, intestine or vtherwayis, the natioun may not frequent this toun in surtie, in that cais it salbe leasum to the said natioun to transport thair guides and merchandice frielie to anie vther place, and the said magistrat sall keip and assist the said natioun with schip-hoyes and all vther necessars for thame vpon thair ressonabill chairges, provyding that they pay before thair depairtour all that thai salbe fund iustlie addebted within this toun.

22. FINALLIE, the borrowmaisteris, eshivins, and counsall, promises in caice any thing cum to thair knawleeg ather be thame selffis or be the advertisement of my lordis commissioners of the burrowis of the said king-

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dome or be my lord Conseruatour or his deput, that may be for the weill of the said natioun, to do all thair endevores ether before the lordis of the Estaits Generall, Lordis of the Estaittes of Zeland, or Lords of the Admiralitie, and to obtene the samyne if it be possibill, to the end they may retent thair guidwill and affectioun towards thame.

IN RESPECT of all these pointes and articles, quhilks the magistrate of this toun promises to intertinnie and obserue and caus be intertinneit and obseruit inviolabillie, the foresaidis commissioners and my lord Conseruatour in name of the saidis Borrowis hes promisit, and promisis presentlie be thair subscriptiounes, that ordour salbe taikin with diligence to inhibite anie schip of the staiple to frequent or haunt any vther port or heaven within the Law Cuntreyis bot in this toun of Campheir, and that na staiple merchandice salbe transported to anye vther porte, and to caus punisch rigorouslie all these that sall doe in the contrare; and the saidis Commissioners assures the said Magistrat that sua lang as the ancient amitie and affectioun continewis, and that it sall pleis the saidis lordis Commissioneris of the Borrowis of the said kingdome, and the commodities of the natioun will permitt thame, to hant and frequent the said toun with the merchandises of the staiple, and his Excellence Marquis of the said toun and the said Magistrat sall haif the said natioun in thair protectioun and saifgaird. IN CONFIRMATIOUN QUHAIROF we the Commissioners and Conservatour foresaid, in name of the Borrowis of the said kingdome of Scotland, and we the Deputs for his Excellence Marquis of the said toun, and we the deputs of the Magistrat of the samin, has subscryuit this present contract within the toun of Campheir the nyntene day of November the zeir of God j^{m} sex hundreth and tuelf zeiris, and the Great Scill of the said toun is appendit heirto.

Followis the hail ordour of our proceidings in particular, in the commissiounes and instructiones gevin in be the commissionaris of the Burroweis, by and attour the perfyting of the Contract.

IMPRIMIS, concerning the article for ordour taking with the factours for thair pairt of the minister's stipend, haifing convenit thame in ane fensit court, they of thair awin accord, efter that we had acquantit theme with the burrowis mynd, agreit and condescendit to pay ane schilling greate

Fleames monye of ilk seck of guides that they sould happin to ressaive. And we maid choose of Thomas Cuninghame, factor, to be collector of the said dewtie, and the collectioun to be and begin vpone the advertisement of the burrowis, conforme to ane act of the said court maid thairvpone.

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ITEM, concerning the article gevin to us for ordour taking with the factors bearing to caus thame find cawtioun for thair intromissioun, and incaice of refusall to dischairge thame of thair factorie, we haifing convenit thame judiciallie causit the said act to be read in thair audience, quhairwith thai war heavilie greivit, declairing how impossibill it was to thame to obey the samin, zit to schaw thair obedience they actit themselffis ather to find cawtioun betuixt and the first of October nixttocum or to procure ane dischairge therof at the hands of the saidis burrowis before the expyring of the said day.

ITEM, concerning the act inioyning to us the establishing of ane maister in the Consergeric house, as also for setting doun the ordour for governing the samyne, we, finding it to be ane mater of consequence and requyring greit deliberatione; and considering the said hous could not be in sa short tyme provydit, we thocht guid to continew the ordour taking thairwith vnto the tyme we had zour lordschips awyssis therinto; and for better informatioun we haif ane autentick copey of the ordour keipit in the Inglish house at Middilburgh, as also tua particular offers maid be tua of our natioun to us subscryuit with thair hands.

ITEM, as concerning the act for lifting the imposition of four schillings vpone the seck, to be payit to James Speir for defraying of the commissioners chairges, the factors of the natioun thair present being all convenit in ane fensit court, and the said Iames Speir lykewayis present, the act being red in thair audience, maist willinglie acceptit the samyne and maid present payment of all that they war awand to the collector apointed be the said Iames Speir.

The iust copye of the the Table or List of the Toll payit of all merchandice at thair cumming frome Scotland to the toun of Campheir as after followis:

Imprimis, ilk hundreth Scottis scheip skins	ij gritt
Item, ilk daiker of oxen or kow hyides	ij gritt

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Item, ilk daiker of hairt hyides . .	ii gritt ane orque
Item, ilk hundreth of gait or buck skins .	ii gritt i doitt
Item, ilk hundreth elne of Scottis plaidis kerseyis and Scottis cleath	ij gritt
Item, ilk sceik Scottis cloath . . .	i gritt
Item, the barrell of salmond . . .	iij gritt
Item, the small barrell of oyle . . .	ij gritt
Item, the barrell of talloun . . .	iij gritt
Item, ilk barrell lead vre . . .	ij gritt
Item, the small barrell of beif . .	ij gritt
Item, ilk gritt seck of woll . . .	iij gritt
Item, ilk hwde of beir contening in Scottis messour aucht bollis, ...	iij gritt
Item, ilk hwde of quheit contening in Scottis messour aucht bollis, ...	iij gritt
Item ilk hude of aites contening in Scottis messour aucht bollis, ...	ij gritt

Followis the Table of the Pryces for the carieing of all sorts of geir to be payit to the warkmen and slaidis, both from the scoutt flott to the ships or to any vther plaice within the toun; as lykwayis for lossing the wagons or caryeing of ony geir from the weyhous to the schips, or for caryeing any geir lost out of the schips to anie loft or seller within the toun, or for transporting any geir frome ane plaice of the toun to ane vther: Agreit vpone betuixt the Magistrate of Campheir, the Commissioners, and my Lord Conservatour, and William Constant deacone of the said warkmen.

Imprimis, the said warkmen sall haif for losing and caryeing or ilk ball mader frome the scoutt flott to the ship or hous, ...	xij gritt
Item, for taking ilk ball mader out of the wagone to the ship	vj gritt
Item, for working and careing the samyne frome the weyhous to the ship or hous . .	ix gritt
Item, for lossing and careing ilk grit pype of alme frome the skowtt flott to the ship or hous .	xij gritt

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Item, for loosing the samin out of the wagone to the ship vj gritt
Item, for the working and caryeing the same frome the weyhous to the ship or hous, . . . ix gritt
Item, for lossing and caryeing ilk hogs heid of alme frome the skout flote to the ship or hous . . . viij gritt
Item, for lossing the same from the wagone to the schip v gritt
Item, for working and carreing the same from the weyhous to the ship or hous . . . . vj gritt
Item, for lossing and caryeing of ilk Inglish trie or beir barrell of alme from the skout flote to the ship or hous . iiij gritt
Item, for lossing of the samin out of the wagone to the ship ij gritt
Item, for working and careing the same from the weyhous to the ship or hous . . . . iij gritt
Item, for lossing and carying of ilk Inglish trie or half Inglish trie of dry wair geir frome the skout flote to the ship or hous iiij gritt
Item, for lossing of the same out of the wagone to the ship ij gritt
Item, for lossing and careing of ilk coffer fardell or ball from the skout flote to the ship or hous . . viij gritt
Item, for lossing the same out of the wagone to the ship iiij gritt
Item, for lossing and careing ilk last saip, orchaird litt, or vther barrell guides of the lyk wecht, frome the skout flot to the ship or hous . . . . . ij s gritt
Item, for lossing the same out of the wagone . j s gritt
Item, for careing and wirking ilk last saip out of the saip hous of the toun to the ship . . . xviij gritt
Item, for lossing and careing ilk little barrel of fegs raisingis of Corinth or vtheris of the lyik quantitie from the skout flote to the ship or hous . . . j gritt
Item, for lossing the same out of the wagone . j orte
Item, for lossing and careing ilk trie steiffing frome the skoute flote to the schip or hous . . . iiij gritt
Item, for lossing the same out of the wagone . ij gritt
Item, for working and carieing the same out of the weyhous to the ship or hous . . . . iiij gritt
Item, for caryeing of ilk merchand kist frome the ship to any factour hous or consergerie gritt or small . . v gritt

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Item, for caryeing bak the same to the schip frome any of the saidis plaices . . . . v gritt

Item, for lossing and caryeing of ilk grit creill of pan or kettill from the skoute flote to the ship or hous . viij gritt

Item, for lossing the same out of the wagone . iiij gritt

Item, for lossing and caryeing of ilk littill creill of pan or kettill from the skoute flote to the schip or hous . iiij gritt

Item, for lossing the same out of the wagone . ij gritt

Item, for lossing and caryeing of ilk gritt ball of brissell annetseides and liqueres from the scoute flott to the schip or hous . . . . . vj gritt

Item, for taking the same out of the wagone . . iij gritt

Item, for lossing and caryeing ilk seck houpe from the skoute flote to the schip or hous . . . viij gritt

Item, for lossing the same out of the wagone . . iiij gritt

Item, for working and caryeing the same from the weyhous to the ship or hous . . . . viij gritt

Item, for lossing and caryeing ilk gritt seck of hards frome the skoute flote to the ship or hous . . x gritt

Item, for lossing the same out of the wagone . v gritt

Item, for working and caryeing the same frome the weyhous to the ship or hous . . . . viij gritt

Item, for lossing and caryeing ilk littill seck hards from the skoute flott to the ship or hous . . . v gritt

Item, for lossing the same out of the wagone . . ij gritt j ort

Item, for working and caryeing the same from the weyhous to the ship or hous . . . . iiij gritt

Item, for lossing and caryeing of ilk squair heavie quhyte pype with Winbridge waires or tries of the lyk quantitie and wecht from the skoute flote to the ship or hous xij gritt

Item, for lossing the same out of the wagone . vj gritt

Item, for lossing and caryeing of ilk gritt quhyte pype of drywair geir frome the skoute flote to the ship or hous viij gritt

Item, for lossing the same out of the wagone to the ship iiij gritt

Item, for lossing and caryeing ilk pak vnzeoun seid frome the skoute flote to the ship or hous . . . iiij gritt

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Contract wlth Campheir.

Item, for lossing the same out of the wagone to the ship	ij gritt
Item, for lossing and caryeing ilk grit pype figs frome the skoute flote to the ship or hous . . .	xij gritt
Item, for lossing the same out of the wagone to the ship	vj gritt
Item, for lossing and caryeing ilk Inglisch trie of rasingis from the skoute flote to the ship or hous . .	v gritt
Item, for lossing the same out of the wagone to the ship	ij gritt j ort
Item, for lossing and caryeing ilk hundreth wecht yron frome the skoute flote to the ship or hous . .	j gritt
Item, for lossing of the same out of the wagone or oute of ane ship to ane vther	j ort
Item, for caryeing ilk barrell vnzeounes frome the wagone to the ship	j ort
Item, for caryeing ilk barrell vnzeounes out of the loft to the ship	j gritt j ort
Item, for caryeing ilk barrell vnzeounes out of ane ship to ane vther	j gritt
Item, for caryeing of ilk hundreth skins to any loft within the toun	iiij gritt
Item, for caryeing of ilk hundreth skins from ane loft to ane vther	v gritt
Item, for caryeing of ilk sceik cloath to the sellar or pakhous	j gritt
Item, for caryeing ilk daiker hyides frome the ship to the pakhous	ij gritt
Item, for transporting ilk daiker hyides frome ane pakhous to ane vther	ij gritt
Item, for caryeing of ilk barrell of leid vre to the pakhous or weyhous	viij gritt
Item, for caryeing of all sort of barrell goode from the ship to any pairt of the toun	ij gritt

Item, it is ordanit that of the chairges foresaid the warkmen sall haif the twa pairt and the slaidmen the thrid pairt, als weill frome the skoute flote as frome the weyhouse.

Item, all vther geir not comprehendit within the taibill sall pay according to the quantitie and qualitie thairof

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Item, it is ordanit that gif any merchandices fall in the water, ather in defalt of the warkmen or slaidmen they being responsibill sall refound the same, and gif not to be punishit at the discretioun of the magistrate to the exempill of vtheris.

Item, thair sall be payit for ilk skoute to be biggit according to the contract, to the twa scoutemen that sall serue in thame for ilk veyage four schillings gritt, being frauchtit be any of the natioun ether in cuming frome Middilburgh or in going to the same; and incaice the said skoutemen gett no fraucht or laidning to Middilburgh frome any of the natioun, it salbe leasum to theme to mak thair awin advantage, and in thair returning with thair laidning sall haif the foresaid four schillingis gritt; and gif it salbe fund heirefter that the said fraucht be overmutch or too littill the magistrat, my lord Conservatour or his deputtes, with twa of the factores and twa merchands of the natioun, sall modifie the same according to ressoun.

DUNBAR, 6th July 1613.

In the General Conventioun of Burrowes, begun and haldin at the burgh of Dumbar the sext day of Iulie the zeir of God ane thousand sex hundreth and thirteen zeirs, Compirit the Commissioners of Burrowes underwrittin, and producit thair commissiouns as follows:—

EDINBURGH, David Aikinheid, George Fowlls; Perth, Maister Henrie Andersone, baillie; Dundie, Maister Alexander Wedderburne, clerk; Abirdeyne, Alexander Rutherfurde, provest; Striveling, Iames Schort, merchand; Linlithgoe, Andro Milve, baillie; Sanctandrois, Robert Taillior, merchand; Glasgow, Iames Stewart, baillie; Air, Iohne Lokkart of Bar, provest; Dysart, David Symsone elder, baillie, Alexander Hakheid; Haddingtoun, Herie Cokburne, provest; Kirkcaldie, David Huchen, baillie; Montrose, William Ramsay, provest; Cowper, David Weyland; Anstruther Eister, Ihonn Anstruther; Dumfries, Iames Cunninghame, baillie; Inernes, be exemptioun and ratificatioun producit be Perth; Bruntisland,

Maister Androw Wilsone, clerk; Inerkithing, Herie Kinglassie, baillie; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cunninghame, baillie; Brichane, Iohne Audney; Irrwing, Robert Kylle; Elgyne, (*blank*); Iedburgh, Iames Cranstoun; Kirkcudbricht, Robert Hall; Wigtoun, Iohne Turner, clerk; Pittinweyme, William Stevensone, baillie; Dwmfermling, Robert Aytkyne; Dwmbartane, Iohne Fallisdaill, baillie; Ramfrow, William Sommervell; Lanrik, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be the agent; Abirbrothok, David Auchterlonie; Peblis, Iohne Dikisone, prouest; Craill, Andro Moncreif; Tayne, Archibald Ros; Selkirk, George Wood; Anstrowther Wester, Robert Richartsone; Culrose, Iohne Forret, clerk; Dumbar, Maister Iohne Achesone, provest, and Nicoll Kellie; Bamff, Maister Alexander Craig, baillie; Quhithorne, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Wigtoun; Forfare, Iohne Milne; Rothesay, (*blank*); Forres, (*blank*); Ruglen, Iohne Riddell; Northberwick, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be George Baillie, baillie of the said burgh; Cwlane, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Aberdeyne; Nairne, Iohn Rose; Lawder, Mark Sandersone; Kilrenie, (*blank*); Annand, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be the agent; Lochmavin, (*blank*); Sancheir, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be the agent. DUNBAR, 6th July 1613.

1. The sam day the commissionar for the burgh of Dumbar verefeit the citatione of the burrowes to this present conventione. Citatione.

3. The sam day, the saids commissionars maks and constituts Maister Johne Achesone, provest and first in commissione for the burgh of Dumbar, thair moderator for this present conventione, quha acceptit the samyne and geve his aith *de fideli administratione.* Moderator.

4. The sam day, the saids commissionars apoints their hours of meyting to be and begin daylie at aught hours in the morning quhill tuelfe hours, and after noon at tua hours quhill sex at night, and the persons absent at the calling of the rolls to pay ane unlay of tuelfe schillings, and they that depairts furth of the house to pay ane unlay as said is; and sik as sall depairt fra this present conventione to be unlayit as absents, and that nane speik unrequyrit or without licence askit and given, nor intermix thair ressoning with thair voting for avoyding of confusione, under the paine of (*blank*) unforgiven. Howr and ordar of Conventione.

5. The sam day, decerns the burrowes underwritten everie ane of thame in ane unlay of tuentie punds for the caussis after specifeit, that is to say, Burrowes unlayit. Chairge agent.

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the burgh of Iedburgh for omitting furth of thair commissione the testificatione of the relligione of James Cranstoun thair commissionar; the Burghs of Thayne, Rothesay and Forras for not sending ane ratificatione of the proceedings in this present conventione, conforme to the provisions contenit in thair exemptions; and the burghs of Anstruther Eister, Nairne, Kilrenie, and Lochmaven for not directing of commissonars to this present conventione; and ordeans Iames Winrahame, agent, to uplift the saids unlayes and to be chairgit thairwith in his compts.

Agent. Brabner. Missive.

6. The sam day, ordeans Iames Winrahame, agent, to vse farder proces agains William Brabner, burges of Montrose, depryvit, ey and whill he abstein fra vsing the liberties of the burghs, and find cautione thairvpone and to produce his diligence thairvpon the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Elgyne. Missive. Chairge agent.

7. The same day, having examinat the diligence of the burgh of Elgyne agains Iames Richarstone and Iohne Shands, vsurpers of the liberties of the burrowes, conforme to the fourt act of the last conventione, ordeans the said burgh to put the said Iames thair alledgit burges under cautione that he sall mak actuall residence within thair said burgh or els to depryve him of his liberties, and restraine him from traiding conforme to the order, and this betwix and Michelmes nixt to cum, under the payne of ane unlay of ane hundreth punds to be payit to the burrowes and to produce thair diligence in writt thairvpon the nixt generall conventione under the payne forsaid, and this to be ane heid of the next missive. And ordeans Alexander Rutherfurd commissionar for the burgh of Abirdeyne, of his awin consent, to intimat this present act unto thame; and the said burgh of Abirdeyne to send with thair nixt commissionar ane testificatione of the intimatione of this present act unto the said burgh of Elgyne. And becaus the said burgh of Elgyne hes producit na diligence in prosecuting thair captione agains Andro Schand, conforme to the said act, therfor decerns thame in ane unlay of fourtie punds to be upliftit be the agent, and he to be chairgit thairwith in his compts.

Monygofe. Missive.

8. The sam day, anent the fourtie five act of the last conventione, concerning the complent of the burghs of Kirkcudbright and Wigtoun agains the burghs of baronie, and speciallie the toun of Monigofe, for vsurping the libertie of ane frie royall burrow(es) and keeping of open mercats, and thairfor dischairging all inhabitants of frie burrowes to resort to the said

mercatt under the payne of fourtie punds *toties quoties:* the saids commissionars of burrowes ratefeis the said act and ordeans ilk burgh to intimat the samyne anew again unto the inhabitants of thair burghs and punische the brekkers thairof and report thair diligence thairvpon the nixt generall conventione under the pain of fourtie punds; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. DUNBAR, 6th, 7th July 1613.

9. The sam day, anent the fyft act of the last conventione generall concerning the measurs of salmond and hering in the west, the saidis commissionars with consent of the burghs of Glasgow, Air, Dumbartane and remanent west burrowes, dischairges thame fra all paking of salmond and hering in hogheads fra this zeir furth in all tyme cumming, in respect of the diversitie of the bind of the said measur and fraud thairof. Westburrowes. Hogheads.

10. The sam day, anent the tuelt act of the last generall conventione concerning the burgh of Kirkcudbright for putting of thair common good to the best availl, and having examinat the diligence producit be Robert Hall thair commissionar, finds thame to have done na diligence according to the said act, and thairfor decerns the said burgh in ane unlay of ane hundreth punds to be payit to the agent, and he to be chairgit thairwith in his compts; and ordeans the said burgh to caus roup thair common good and put the samyne to the utter availl, and to report thair diligence thair vpon the nixt generall conventione under the paine forsaid; and this to be ane heid of the next missive. Kirkcudbright. Chairge agent. Missive.

11. The sam day, anent the tent act of the last conventione concerning the prioritie and ranking of burrowes, continuis the decisione thairof to the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Prioritie. Missive.

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12. The quhilk day, compirit (*blank*), and producit ane testificatione of his seiknes impeding him to cum in dew tyme to this present conventione, togither wit ane commissione sufficient, and thairfoir the present commissioners of burrowes admits him as commissionar for the said burgh and remits him his unlaye.

13. The sam day, Iames Winrahame, agent, maid sufficient report of the diligence of the burgh of Forfare anent their unfrie tredders, to witt: that Forfare.

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they have caussit chairge the inhabitants of Kirremuir to desist from vsing the tred of merchandices, and that they and the Erll of Angus thair superior hes suspendit the saids chairges, quhilk suspensione lyis as zitt undiscussit in respect that the Erll of Angus has gritt moyane; quhilk report is acceptit as sufficient diligence for the pairt of the said toun of Forfare.

Ramfrow. Agent. Missive.

14. The sam day, William Symmervell, commissionar for Ranfrow, producit thair act of court decerning Iohne Hill in Govane, Robert Laud, Iames Galbraith in Grenok, and Robert Finnie, thair comburgessis, to have emittit thir friedome of the said burgh for non residence within the samyne, of the daitt the last day of November last by past, quhilk is acceptit for sufficient diligence vpon thair pairt, and thairfoir the agent is ordeanit to charge the saids persons to desist fra vsing the traid of merchandises and to report his diligence the nixt conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Kirkcudbright.

15. The samyn day, the commissioner of Kirkcudbright producit ane decreitt of the provest and baillies thairof dischairging certane of thair comburgessis specifeit in the said decreitt, quhilk is acceptit for sufficient diligence.

Dumfries. Chairge agent. Missive.

16. The sam day, the saids commissionars finds that the burgh of Dumfreis hes not vsit sufficient diligence in chairging of thair depryvit burgessis to find cautione that they sould desist conforme to the act of parliament, and thairfoir decernis thame in ane unlay of tuentie li. to be payit to the agent, and ordeans to produce farder diligence the nixt conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Sanctandrois.

17. The sam day, Robert Tailleor, commissioner for the burgh of Sanctandrois, producit ane act of thair court decerning Maister Hew Mylls and David Messen and ilk ane of thame to pay tuentie pund unlay for keiping merchand buithes at the kirk of Kittell and Cleische, and to find cautione to desist under the pain of ane hundreth merks and beiring cawtione to be fund for that effect, quhilk is allowit for sufficient diligence.

Dysart.

18. The sam day, the commissionar of Dysart producit sufficient diligence anent thair depryvet burgessis conforme to the last act.

Abirdein.

19. The samin day, the commissionar of Abirdein hes verefeit that thair depryvit burgessis hes desistit conforme to the last act.

Glasgow. issive.

20. The sam day, ordeans the burgh of Glasgow to produce ane mair formell decreit and execution thairof anent the dischairging of thair non-

resident burgessis in the nixt conventione generall, under the pain of tuentie pund; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Dunbar, 7th July 1613.

21. The sam day, the commissionar of Air hes verefeit that Fergus Makchorter hes fund cautione conforme to the last act, quhilk was acceptit for diligence. Air.

22. The sam day, ordeans the burgh of Perth to caus chairge the inhabitants of Clakmannan to desist fra vsing the traid of merchandices and libertie of the burgh, and to report thair diligence thairvpon the nixt conventione generall; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Perth. Missiue.

29. The samyn day, anent the mater of the customs burgh fra burgh at tounland ports, mentionat in divers acts of generall and particular conventions of befor, ordeans the haill burrowes to produce everie ane to the nixt generall conventione ane autentik table of the samyne, ilk ane under the paine of tuentie punds; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Customes, burgh fra burgh. Missiue.

30. The samyne day, anent the matter of the fisching at Dwmbar, mentionat in the nynteint act of the last conventione haldin at Abirbrothok, and dyvers uther acts preceiding, the commissionars ratefeis and approvis the samyn as of befor, and ordeans the said burgh of Dwmbar be thair letter missive to adverteis the superiors of the burghs of baronie on the cost syde of Fyfe to tak sik ordour with thair inhabitants, fischears, in the balasting of thair fische botts, that the said acts may be inviolabellie keipit be thame, with certificatione and they failzie the said burgh of Dwmbar will punische and unlay them for the samyne, quhilk they ordeane the said burgh to doe and to report thair diligence thairvpon the nixt conventione generall, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive, and this under the pane of tuentie punds. And anent the measurs of hering, ordeans the said burgh of Dwmbar to caus the samyne be observit, and for that effect to caus make ane competent nummer of measurs according to the said act, good and sufficient with lugs, for metting of the said hering to be delyverit to the merchants for that vse, and they to pay to the said burgh for everie measure the soume of fyftein schillings monye. And anent the fyft act maid in the particular conventione of burrowes haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the tuentie fyve day of Iulie 1612 zeirs, concerning the burning and marking of the barrells of hering in the said burgh, the saids commissioners of burrowes dispenses with that pairt of the said act for this seasone onlie, dischairging the said Dunbar. Ballasting. Messours. Barralles. Missiue.

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burgh fra all trubling and molesting of the merchants for not caussing burne and mark the saids barrells.

King's thesaurer. Impost. Wyne.

31. The sam [day], compirit Iames Baillie, ane of his Maiesties reseavers, and producit ane lettre missive from Sir Iudian Murray, thesaurer depute, direct to the said present conventione, offering unto thame the impost of four pund of everie tun of wynes to be ventit in smalls be taverners in onye pairt of this realme vpon ressonabell conditions, and after conference with the said Iames ordeans ane lettre missive to be direct to his lordschip for intreating vpon the said mater, and gives commissione to sik burrowes as sall meitt at Edinburgh to confer with his lordschip thairvpon and to tak farder ordour thereanent.

Admirall. Fyschears. Missive.

31. The sam day, Iames Baillie, ane of his Maiesties [reseavers], producit ane letter missive direct to the present commissionars of burrowes from Sir Alexander Drwmmond, admirall depute, meaning the disordour that is amongs the siefearing men and fischears, and the tak of hering in Dwmbar, and for suppressing thairof be my lord admirall and his deputes, and recommending to the wyse consideratione of the burrowes that ane proportione of money might be imposit vpon everie bott for having in reddines ane fley bott furnisit with men and wapons to lye in the traith, and apprehending of sik as steills thair nightbours geir, schaks thair netts, maks quarrells and fechts, and dois uther iniuries; the saids commissionars continuis thair ansuer to the nixt generall conventione, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Speir. Impost in France. Missive.

32. The sam day, anent the act maid in the conventione haldin at Edinburgh the fyft of Marche 1612, concerning the impost layit vpon the goods cummand from Normandie to Scotland, for defraying the chairges of William Nisbett commissionar for the burrowes of this realme direct be thame to the contrey of France for ratefeing and renewing of the legue betuix Scotland and France, compirit William Speir collector of the said impost and payer of the chairgis of the commissionar forsaid, and of his awin consent agreitt to vplift onlie as mekill of the saidis goods as they payet in custome to the said King of France, dispensing with the doubell thairof mentionat in the said act, and this diminutione to begin fra the said William his first intromissione with the said impost, and incaice that he hes resaivit anye of the said doubell impost or that anye pairt thairof is consignit in his collectors hands, in that caise the said William of his awin consent obleissis him to caus refound the ane halfe thairof to the persons quhom fra he hes

resaivit or be quhome the samin is consignit, quhilk being done the present commissionars ordeans the said William to be chairgit in his compts with the said single impost onlie, and the samyne to stand and continow ey and quhill he be sufficientlie payit of his haill soums debursit be him and interest thairof: provyding alwayes that if anye merchants mak not thankfull payment in Normandie of the said single impost to the said William his deputes, or zitt sall escaip or hes escaipit with thair goods uncustomit in France, in that caice at thair hom cumming to be subiect to pay the dowbell that they sould have payit in Normandie: and the said William to mak compt of his intromissione ilk generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. DUNBAR, 7th July 1613.

33. The samyne day, anent the [51] act of the last conventione generall for alteratione of the stent roll, in respect his maiesties gritt extent is alreadie begun with the auld rolls, and for dyvers uthers considerations moveing them, therfor they continowe the alteratione of the said rolls for the space of thrie zeirs nixt after the daitt heirof. Stent rolls.

34. The sam day, anent the mater of the fisching of the Fleamings in the west and north Ils, mentionat in the seventeint act of the last conventione, the commissionars of burrowes ordeans Iames Winrahame, agent, to trye the proceedings of Maister William Forbes anent the commissione given him be the secreitt counsall in that matter, and to report his diligence thairanent the next conventione generall; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Flemings. Fisching. Agent. Missive.

35. The sam day, anent the nynteint act of the particular conventione at Edinburgh the first day of August last, for the matter of the impost grantit for the expenses of the commissionars that past to London in the caus of the kings maiesties gritt customs and buik of raitts, in respect that few or nane of the said burrowes hes collectit the said impost, pretending ignorance of the said act; thairfor the present commissionars ordeans ilk burgh having ane sieport to extract the said act, and for putting of the samyne to executione to collect the said impost fra September last to September nixt to cum and to mak reckning and payment thairof to the burgh of Edinburgh betuix and Mairtimes nixt thairafter, ilk burgh under the payne of tuentie punds, and fra that furth to collect the said impost zeirlie ey and quhill the said burgh of Edinburgh be sufficientle refoundit of the haill soums debursit be thame for defraying of the saids commissioners chairges, vpon compt allwayes to be made be the said burrowes, and the Impost. Commissioners to Londoun. Missiue.

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burgh of Edinburgh at ilk generall conventione under the payne forsaid; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Octavo Iulij 1613.

Agent at Court. Hammiltoun. Missiue.

36. The quhilk day, the saids commissionars convenit anent the mater of the electione of the agent at court, mentionat in the 6 act of the particular conventione haldin at Edinburgh in October last, and considering that the grit necessitie of thair urgent effairs requyrs ane sufficient persone to be thair agent at Court, and having had full experience of the good will, qualificatione, and sufficiencie of Maister Patrik Hammiltone, seretar deput of Scotland, resident at Court with his maiestie: therfor they be thir presents maks, creats, and constituts the said Maister Patrik thair lawfull and undouted agent induring the will of the burrowes in all the effairs of the burrowes, and in all things that sall happin them to have to doe with his maiestie, vpon the adverteisment to be made to him be the burgh of Edinburgh in thair names; for the quhilk caus thai binds and oblissis thame and thair successors to content and pay to the said Maister Patrik the soum of ane hundreth punds stirling money zeirlie induring his said service, to be collectit and inbroght be ilk burgh conforme to thair pairt of the extent roll with the clerk and agent feyes at ilk generall conventione, and thairfor everie burgh to bring and produce thair pairt of the said soume at ilk generall conventione, togither with the soume of fiftie punds stirling money for his bygain service, ilk burgh under the pane of fourtie punds, to be payit to the agent in name of the burrowes, and the burghs exemit to send the samyne with the nixt adiacent burgh togither with the said feyes; and ordeans and consents that the agent sall rais letters of horning vpon this present act agains the burghs failzeing; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Nairne.

37. The sam day, compirit Iohne Rose burges of the burgh of Nairne, and producit ane sufficient commissione of the said burgh for him selfe to this present conventione, therfor they admitt him as commissionar forsaid, and at the requeist of my lord Fostersett and uther good caussis they remitt and dischairges the said burgh of thair unlay quhairin they war adiudget alreadie.

38. The samyne day, anent the complent given be Iohne Wallace, conservatour depute in Campheir, be his letter missive agains Iohne Laper burges of Sanctandrois, for his contempt and disobedience in refusing to pay his pairt of the impost layit vpon the goods arryvand thair for the ministers stipend to be placit at the said toun of Campheir, the saids commissionars ordeans the magistrats of Sanctandrois to tak cautione of the said Iohne vnder dyvers pains that he sall compeir befor the commissioners and my lord Conservator in the conventione to be haldin at Edinburgh on the tuentie day of Iulie instant, to ansuer to the complent forsaid, with certificatione to the said magistrates if they failzie they sall be decernit in ane unlay of fourtie punds, and Robert Tailleor present commissionar for the burgh of Sanctandrois to intimat this present ordinance to his said burgh at his returne. Dunbar, 8th July 1613. Laper. Sanctandrois.

39. The samyne day, understanding that ther is certane merchands arryvand at Campheir quha imployis na factors in thair negotiatione, quhairby the impost of the ministers stipend is defrawdit of that pairt thairof that the factors sould pay, thairfor they ordeane the collector thairof to caus the saids merchants to pay as mikill as the saids factors would pay if they wer intrometters with the saids goods, by and attour the merchants awin dewtie. Minister. Stipend. Campheir.

40. The samyn day, the saids commissioners having red and considerit the [2] act maid in the particular conventione of burrowes haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the sext day of Ianuar the zeir of God 1613, anent the report of David Aikinheid and umquhill William Goldman thar commissionars direct to Campheir for reestablishing of the staipell of the Scots natioun thair and thair proceedings in the said matter, they ratifie and approve thair haill proceedings forsaid and the saids acts maid thairanent in all points conforme to the tennors thairof. Commissioners. Campheir.

41. The sam day, finds that the impost layit vpon colls for the ministers stipend at Campheir, mentionat in the nynt act of the particular conventione of burrowes haldin at Edinburgh the tuentie fyve day of Iulie 1612 zeirs, extending to ten schillings gritt ilk voyage vpon everie schip laidnit with colls is verie unequall, in respect that sum will be laidnit with mae and sum with fewer colls, and thairfor for declaratione thairof the saids commissionars ordeans ilk hundreth colls to pay nyne stuirs, to be vplifted be the collector appointit for vptaking of the said ministers stipend. Impost. Coillis. Campheir.

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Impost. Coilles. Corne. Campheir.

42. The sam day, anent the impost layit vpon colls and corne, grantit to Iames Speir for payment to him of the soums debursit for the expenses of the commissionars that past to Campheir, mentionat in the sext act maid in the particular conventione of burrowes haldin at Edinburgh the tuentie five of Iulie 1612 zeirs, finds the samyne to be unequall in respect that all schips laidnit with the wairs forsaid ar not of alyk birth and quantitie of laidning, and thairfor with consent of the said Iames dischairges the said former impost, and ordeans the samyne to be and extend in tyme cumming vpon nyn stuirs ilk last corns, and nyn stuirs ilk hundreth wagons of colls, transportid furth of this realme into the Law Contreyes.

Ingland. Trafficque. Heyring. Agent at court

43. The sam day, anent the complent given in be George Todrig, Iames Nicoll, and Charles Geddes, merchands of the burgh of Edinburgh, for thame selfes and in name of the rest of the merchants of this realme, laidneris of hering at the toun of Yarmouth, declairing the trubils and molestations done to thame be the fermorers of his maiesteis customes at the said toun in tyme of the laidning and transporting of thair hering fra the said toun, in compelling of thame to pay at thair outgoing as strangers, quhair they aucht to be vsit as native borne Inglischmen, conforme to the licence zeirlie obtenit and grantit to the saidis fermorers, and thairfor ordeane ane letter missive to be direct fra this present conventione to thair agent at Court for redres of the said enormitie.

Campheir. Minister.

44. The same day, anent the mater of the electione of ane minister for the serving in the kirk of Campheir, grantit be the Magistrate of the said toun to the natioun be the mutuall contract maid betuix thame, mentionat in the fyft act of the particular conventione of burrowes haldin at Edinburgh the sext of Ianuar last, continewis the samyn to the conventione to be haldin at Edinburgh the tuentie of Iulie instant.

Consergerie. Ewyne. Campheir.

45. The samyn day, having red and considerit the third act of the particular conventione haldin at Edinburgh in Ianuar last, be the quhilk Alexander Ewin factor in Campheir was electit Maister of the Consergerie house in the said toun during the will of the burrowes, and was lawfullie citat to have bein present at this conventione conforme to the said act, and compirit not; the present commissioners of burrowes ratefeis and approves the said act. And nevertheles in respect of the said Alexander his noncomperance and of his letter missive direct to this present conventione, be the quhilk the said Alexander in effect renunces the said office, and that

Neill Kae factor in Campheir producit letters of horning agains the said Alexander at the instance of (*blank*) for non payment of the soum of (*blank*), be the quhilk the said Alexander is maid incapabell of the said office, therfor the saids commissioners finds the said place vacand at this present at thair disposition at thair pleasure, and dischairgis the said Alexander thairof, and finds expedient that ther sall be presentlie ane sufficient persone nominat and constitut for serving in that place. DUNBAR, 8th July 1613.

46. The sam day, anent the complents *hinc inde* of the burghs of Sanctandrois and Cowpar mentionat in the [24] act of the last generall conventione, continuis the decisione thairof with consent of baith pairteis in the sam force, forme, and effect; and ordeans the sam to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Cowper. Sanctandrois. Missiue.

47. The sam day, grants and gives licence to the burgh of Dwmbar to impetrat of our Soveran Lord ane gift of the impost following, to be imployit vpon the reparatione of thair heavin and harberie and to be tane ans in the zeir, to witt, of ilk cobell or four oirit bott pertening to ane frie men sex schillings aucht penneis, and to unfriemen ten schillings; and of the greater dreave bots pertening to frie men thirteen schillings four penneis, and to unfrie men tuentie schillings; and this impost to continow for the space of seven zeiris nixt heirafter, provyding allwayes the said burgh mak compt to the burrowes of the said impost and imployment thairof. Dunbar. Impost.

48. The sam day, requests and desyres ilk burgh that hes not given thair voluntar contributione to the burgh of Abirbrothok for thair harberie to mak the said burgh mor readie and thankfull payment thairof as they sall be requyrit thairto. Arbroth. Contributioun.

49. The samyne day, grants and gives licence to the burgh of Brichane to impetrat of our soverane lord ane gift of the impost following, to be imployit vpon the reparatione of thair bridge, to wit: of ilk horse passand thair said bridge four pennies, of ilk kow or ox tua pennies, and ilk ten scheip tua pennies; and this impost to indure for the space of seven years, and to be comptabell to the burrowes of thair intromission and imployment at the ischew of the saids years. Brechane. Impost.

50. The sam day, anent the complent given in be Iames Speir aganis the burghs of Abirdeyn and Dysart, for not putting to executione the acts of burrowes for payment to him of the imposts grantit for defraying of the Speir contra Abirdeyne. Dysart. Impost.

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commissioners chairges that past to Campheir aganis (*blank*) indueller in Abirdeyne, and David Cowane and (*blank*) induellers in Dysart, quha refusit to pay the saids imposts being laufullie requyrit thairto; and ordeans the saids burghs with consent of thair present commissioners to caus the said Iames be thankfullie payit of the saids persons pairts of the saids imposts awand be thame, under the payne contenit in the saids acts.

Eymouth. Support. Missive.

51. The sam day, anent the supplication given in be the inhabitants of Eyemouth for ane support to the bigging of thair heaven and harbarie, continuis thair answer thairto to the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane head of the nixt missive.

Borthuik. Campheir.

52. The sam day, anent the supplicatione given in be Iames Borthwik sumtyme merchand burges of Edinburgh and now indweller in Campheir, for making him excyse frie of all beir and wyn within his house as the rest of the natione is, the saids commissionars of burrowes grants thair letter of requeist to be direct to the said toun in his favours to that effect.

Scott. Elie Missiue.

53. The sam day, anent the supplicatione given in be Maister William Scot of Elie, heritabell proprietor of the toun, sie port, and heaven and herberie of Elie, desyring of thair liberalitie sik soumes of money for his aid and helpe for compleiting of the worke of the reparatione of the said harberie, allreadie begun be him, as may incourage him to prosecute the said worke and perfyte the samyne to the gritt ioy and contentment of all merchants and uthers trafficquers be sie in the saids bounds; the saids commissioners of burrowes considering the gritt commoditie that may redound to the saids trafficquers be the said worke, finds the said Maister William desyre and petitione to be most reasonable, but becaus they cam not instructit and informit fra thair burghs in the said matter, thairfor they ordeane ilk commissionar to cum sufficientlie instructit to give thair favorable answer thairanent the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

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Teynds. Iles. M'Keynzie. Missiue.

54. The quhilk day, the saids commissioners beand convenit anent the matter of the teinds of the fisching in the Iyles, and Makinzie, continwis the samyne to the nixt generall conventione, and then ordeans Iames

Winrahame, agent, to produce the contract thairof betuix the Burrowes and the Bischope of the Iylis, quhilk is in his hands; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. DUNBAR, 9th July 1613.

55. The samyne day, givis commissione to the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdein, Air, Glasgow, Striviling, or onye four of thame, to convein at the burgh of Edinburgh *primo quoque tempore* and at all uther neidfull occasions quhan they sall be requyrit be the said burgh, and thair to consult, treat, and conclude anent the prosecutione of the suspensions raisit be the burghs of baronie agains the frie royall burrowes and all differences rysing thairvpon, and to caus putt that matter to ane good point, and the said burgh to report thair diligence the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Burghs of barony. Missiue. Commissio.

56. The samyn day, anent the difference betwix the magistrats of the burgh of Striviling and the crafts thairof, the commissioners of baith the pairteis being present, it is thoght meitt that thair sall be ane new submissione maid be thame to certane indifferent and weill affected freinds, and that baith the pairteis sall returne thair answer heiranent with sufficient procuratories to submitt (if they agrie thairto) to the commissioners to be convenit at Edinburgh the tuentie day of Iulie instant. Stirling. Crafts.

57. The samyn day, anent the matter of the electione of the magistrats and counsall of the burgh of Perth, mentioned in the generall missive and third act of the particular conventione at Edinburgh in October last, Maister Henrie Andersone commissionar for the said burgh being present, it is fund that the toun of Perth has done wrong, first in electione of Patrick Grant are craftsman to be thair provest, and nixt in the acknawlidging my Lord of Skune to be thair provest sen syne, he being ane noble man and not ane merchand trafficquer of the said burgh, contrair the acts of parliament and acts of burrowes; and thairfor decerns the said burgh in ane unlay of ane hundreth punds, and this becaus the said Maister Henrie Andersone being demandit and posit to declare vpon his conscience quhat was the manner of the electione of thair provest the tyme of the last electione of thair magistrats, he declairit that it was trew that the said Patrik Grant was electit thair provest the tyme forsaid be pluralitie of votts, albeit he never acceptit the said office; and siklyk that it is trew that since the said Patrik his refusall to accept my Lord of Skune hes excersit and vsit the said office within the said burgh, albeit Perth. Electioun of Magistrats. Missiue.

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not lytit nor electit thairto conforme to the ancient ordour observit within the said burgh; and afferms that the said office is onlie sequestrate by advyse of the counsall of the said burgh in the person of the said noble lord. Attour the said commissioners of burrowes ordeans the said burgh to keip the acts of parliament and lawes of burrowes anent the electione of magistrats in tyme cumming, under the payne of fyve hundreth punds to be payit to the said burrowes; and to report at the nixt generall conventione the maner and forme of thair electione in writt to be vsit at Michelmes nixt, and to be speciall in the maner and names of the persons under the paine of fourtie punds; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Dumbartane. Taxatioun.

58. The sam day, anent the matter of the compts of the burgh of Dumbartane of the taxatione grantit to thame be the estaits in parliament, the commissionar of the said burgh and Iohne Simpell and Thomas Fallisdaill being present, the saids commissioners at command of our soveran lord's letters direct at the instance of my lords Thesaurer and Advocat be delyverance of the Lords of Exchaker, continwis the hering and allowing of the saids compts unto the tyme the samyne be producit before the saids lords.

Speir. Compts. Impost. Campheir. Missiue.

59. The sam day, anent the matter of the impost grantit for the expenses of the commissioners that past to Campheir, mentionat in the 6 act of the particular conventione haldin at Edinburgh the twentie fyve day of Iulie last, and in speciall anent the compts of Iames Speir merchand burges of Edinburgh vplifter of the said impost be him selfe and his factors, it is fund that fra the tuentie four day of the said moneth of August to the aught day of Iulie instant 1613, *stilo novo,* the said Iames hes resaivit the soume of ane hundreth fyftein punds sextein schillings Fleams money, quhilk is to be defalcat of the soum of ane thousand thriescor fourtein punds money forsaid, restand awand be the burrowes to the said Iames for his debursements maid to the saids commissioners, sua rests the burrowes awand onlie to the said Iames of the forsaid debt nyne hundreth fiftie aught punds four schillings. And the commissioners for the mair sure controlling of the said Iames his compts of the said impost in tyme cumming, becaus the said impost is pairtlie collectid be the factors at Campheir and delyverit to the said Iames his collector thair, and pairtlie is collectit and resaivit be the said collector immediatlie fra the merchands quha sells thair awin geir in these pairts, thairfor ordeans the said collector

to present his compts zeirlie befor my lord Conservator or his deputes at Campheir and mak faith that the samyne ar trewlie given vp and na thing omittit furth of the samyne; and siklyk ordeans the said Conservator or his depute at the tyme forsaid of the presentatione of the saids compts to call befor him all the factors forsaids and tak thair aiths that they have delyverit to the said collector all that they have resaivit and that they oversein nor omittit anye of the saids imposts uncollectit; and that the Conservator or his depute direct his testimoniall heirvpon to ilk conventione generall. And becaus the saids burrowes be this present act ar restand awand to the said Iames the soume of nyne hundreth fiftie aucht pund four schillings, therfor they ar agreit that the said Iames Speir sall have refoundid to him the said soum be the imposts contenit in the former acts, to be collectit and gatherid be him or his factors be the space of fyve zeirs fra the daitt of the said act maid in Iulie last in maner specifeit in the former acts, and incaice anye pairt of the said soum sall be fund restand awand at the ischew of the saids fyve zeirs it is agreit that the said rest with the profeit thairof sall be lykwayes payit to him be the samyne imposts to be collectit be him or his factors ey and quhill he be compleitlie payit of the said rest with the interest thairof, vpon compt allwayes to be made be the said Iames zeirlie at ilk generall conventione of his intromissione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Dunbar, 9th July 1613.

60. The samyne day, the saids commissioners of burrowes hes thoght expedient, statute, and ordeanit that all sik burrowes as sall be chairgit and compellit to pay thair unlayes and uther soumes addebtit be thame to the agent sall not onlie content and paye the said unlayes and uther debts bot also tuentie marks for the chairges and expenses debursit be the agent vpon the compulsators executc agains thame, and it is declairit that in tyme cumming the agent sall nawayes burdein the burrowes generallie in his compts with the said expenses. Statute. Vnlawis. Agent.

61. The samyn day, the compts of Iames Winrahame, agent, of his haill debursments in the burrowes effairs since the conventione haldin at Abirbrothok to this present conventione being hard, sein, fittit, and alowit be the saids commissioners, they find the said Iames to be superexpendit in the soum of ane thousand and fiftie punds, quhilk is ordenit to be payit be the saids burrowes to the said Iames at the nixt generall conventione according to the extent roll, ilk burgh under the paine of tuentie punds to Agent. Compts. Missiue.

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be payit to the agent by and attour the said principall soum, and ordains the sam to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Kaa. Consergerie. Ewyne.

62. The samyn day, the saids commissioners nominats, maks, creats, and constituts Neill Kae, factor in Campheir clerk to the conservatorie court of the Scots natione in the Law Contreyes, Maister and keiper of the Consergerie house in Campheir, induring the will of the burrowes, as now vacand and beand at thair dispositione be deprivatione of Alexander Ewin, conforme to the fourtie fyve act of this present conventione maid thairvpon, and the said Neill comperand acceptit the said office and give his aith *de fideli administratione.* And lykwayes hes nominat Alexander Miller tailleor to his maiestie, Richard Wilsone burges of Edinburgh, and Thomas Kae indueller ther, cautionars and soverties for his faithfull dischairge in the said office and for observatione of all the iniunctions that sall be given to him be the commissioners of burrowes thairanent. And the said Richard Wilsone and Thomas Kae cautioners forsaid compirand actit them selfis coniunctlie and severallie to the effect above mentionat, and siklyk to caus the said Alexander Miller to cum surlie bund and oblist as cautioner forsaid coniunctlie and severallie with thame to the effect above specifeit; and the said Neill Kae oblissit him selfe his airs executors and assignayes to releif the saids cautioners of the premissis. And farder the said Neill at the desyre of the saids burrowes producit ane gift grantit to him be our soveran lord of the forsaid office, and renuncit all right and titill that he hes or may have to the said office be vertew thairof, or be vertew of onye uther right or securitie to be acquyrit be him fra ony uther persons nor the said burrowes for ever, and in takin thairof cancellit the said gifts and delyverit the samyne to the saids burrowes. Attour the said Neill Kae is content and be thir presents promits to reseave fra the hands of Alexander Ewin factor at Campheir the haill furniture and provisione coft be him since his nominatione to the foresaid office for furnesing the said house, contenit in the particular compt presentit before the present commissioners, markit and signit be the clerk, immediatlie after the said Neill Kae his returning to the said toun of Campheir. Lykas the said Neill as principall and the said Richard and Thomas above writtin binds and oblissis thame coniunctlie and severallie his airs executors and assignayes to content and pay to the said Alexander Ewine the pryces of the saids goods and furnitur specifeit in the said compt, extending to ane hundreth and ten punds Fleams

money or thereby, within fyftein dayes after the resaitt of the saids goods and furniture, togither with the housemaills payit or to be payit be the said Alexander Ewine for the keeping of the saids goods and furniture above writtin, and failzeing thairof to content and pay to him the soum of ane hundreth punds Scots money by and attour the principall soume, and this vpon speciall provisione that the said Alexander sall compeir in presence of my lord Conservator or his depute and give his bodilie aith that he hes payit the pryces of the saids goods contenit in the said compt, as lykwayes vpon the quantitie of the house maill if onye be.

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63. The sam day, Sir Robert Denninstoun of Mountioy, knight, Conservator of the privileges of the Scots natioun, present, ratefeis and approves the nominatione and electione of Alexander Ewin in the office of factorie within the toun of Campheir, with speciall consent and assent of the saids commissioners of burrowes; and of new with consent foirsaid nominats him to the said office, given him power to vse and exerse the samyne as frielie as onye uther factor within the said toun in all respects.

Ewyne. Factour.

64. The sam day, the saids commissioners hes thoght expedient statute and ordeanit that na factors sall be placed nor deposed heirafter be my lord Conservator without consent and approbatione of the burrowes, quhairvnto Sir Robert Denninstoun, Conservator, present, consentit.

Conseruatour. Factours. Statute.

65. The sam day, the saids commissioners ordeans Maister Alexander Guthre, generall clerk, in their names to subscryve sik letters as sall be thoght good be the burgh of Edinburgh to be sent to the toun of Campheir or to the Conservator depute concerning the Consergerie, Neill Kae, Alexander Ewine, or concerning Iames Speir his compts, or concerning the furtherance of David Huntar his earand, or sik uther things as sall occure concerning the estait of the saids burrowes and inhabitants thereof; quhairanent thir presents sall be the said clerk's warrand.

Guthre. Letters to Campheir.

66. The sam day, anent the complent given in be Iames Winrahame, agent, aganis the burgh of Kirkcaldie, that thir thrie zeirs bygain Iames Law, zonger, Alexander Law at the Reid Barne, and Iames Law, elder, beand baillies for the tyme, did intromett with the theasurers office and with the commoun good of thair toun and hes not made perfeit compt of thair intromissions.

Agent contra Kirkcaldy. Missiue.

67. The saids commissioners of burrowes ordeans the saids persons to mak thair compts of thair intromissione to David Hwchen and Alexander

Kirkcaldy. Thesaurer's compts. Missiue.

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Boswell present baillies of the said burgh and counsall of the samyn betuix and Michelmes nixt to cum, ilk persone under the pain of fourtie punds to be payit to the commoun good of the said burgh, and the said burgh to report thair diligence thairanent the nixt generall conventione under the pain of ane hundreth punds; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Stercovius.

68. The sam day, the saids commissioners agreis and consents to pas to the burgh of Edinburgh at the dissolving of this present conventione and thair to remain till Wednisday nixt, and thair to convein and consult anent Maister Patrik Gordouns earand vpon Mononday nixt, and to travell to bring that matter of Stercovius befor the counsall on Tysday nixt, and siklyk that they be present to deill with the king's maiesties thesaurer anent the new impost of four pund vpon the tun of wyne of ventit.

Kirkcudbricht. Commoun lands. Vnlaw remittet.

69. The samyne day, for divers considerations moving them they remitt and dischairges to the burgh of Kirkcudbright thair unlay of ane hundreth punds quhairin they war adiudgit this present convention for not putting thair commoun good to the full profeitt; and Robert Hall present commissionar of the said burgh band [and] oblissit him selfe as commissionar of the said burgh, and in name of the rest of the possessors of the scairs of the land callit the Borlands, that at the expyring of seven zeirs nixt heirafter he and they sould remove fra the saids lands and gif the samyn in to the touns hands to the effect the said burgh may putt the samyn to the utter avail to thair commoun vses, and that they sall produce thair renunciatione in writt of thair right to the saids lands the nixt generall conventione under the pane of ane unlay of fyve hundreth merks, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive, and to be rememberit at ilk conventione quhill the saids zeirs expyre.

Speir. Compts. Impost of France.

70. The samyn day, anent the impost in France collectit be William Speir merchand burges of Edinburgh, for refounding to him of the soumes debursit be him to William Nisbett for his chairges in passing to France for obtening ane ratificatione of the privileges of the natioun, compirit the said William Speir and producit the compts of the said William Nisbett, togither with his awin compts of his intromissione with the said impost collectit be his deputes in Normandie from the first of May 1612 to the tuentie four of June 1613, *stilo novo*, for payment to him of the soum of ane thousand sex hundreth and four scor franks Frenche money, and of the soum of aucht hundreth thriescor fyvetein punds thirtein schillings four

pennies Scots money debursit be him to the said William Nisbett and debursit to uther persons be his factor as his compt beirs, be the quhilk compts the saids commissioners finds that the said William hes resaivit the soum of sex hundreth ellevin franks four sous tua dinniers of the dait above writtin, sua thair will be awin be the burrowes of the particular debts above specifeit the soum of a thousand thriescor aucht franks fyvetein sous ten dinneirs Frenche money, with the soum of aucht hundreth thriescor fyvtein punds thirtein schillings four pennies Scots money, to be payit be the impost foirsaid to be collectit be the said William and his deputs conforme to the acts of burrowes maid thairanent, and ordeans his next compts to be made at the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. DUNBAR, 9th July 1613.

71. The samyne day, remits to the burgh of Dumfries thair unlay of tuentie li. quhairin they war adiudgit for not vsing diligence agains thair depryvit burgessis, and ordeans the said burgh to produce this lawfull diligence agains them the nixt conventione generall; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive, under the paine of tuentie punds. Dunfreis. Depryvet burgessis. Vnlaw remittet.

72. The sam day, remits to the burgh of Thain thair unlay of tuentie punds quhairin they [war] adiudgit for not productione thair ratificatione with thair exemptione, and Archibald Rose to produce the said ratificatione betuix and Michelmes utherwayes the said unlay to stand; and siklyk remits to the burgh of Forres thair unlay of tuentie [punds] provyding they send to the generall clerk thair ratificatione autentiklie subscryvit. Thayne, Forres. Vnlaws.

73. The samyne day, grants licence to the burghs following to abyd and remain fra all generall conventions of burrowes in maner after specifeit, that is to say: to the burgh of Pitinweyme for thrie zeirs, to the burgh of Forfare for thrie zeirs exceptand the conventions within Angus, Nairne for thrie zeiris; provyding alwayes that the samyn be not extendit to parliaments nor quhair anye of the said burghs ar citat for onye particular caus, and also provyding that the saids burghs send with thair nixt adiacent burgh thair ratificatione and approbatione autentiklie subscryvit of all things to be done zeirlie in the said conventions during the saids zeirs at ilk generall conventione, with all soumes that they sould pay to the burrowes conforme to the missive, and that they bestow the expenses that thai sould have bestowit vpon thair commissionars vpon commoun works and to be comptabell thairof to the burrowes at the expyring of the saids zeiris. Exemptiouns. Pittinweyme. Forfar.

DUNBAR, 9th July 1613.

Perth. Vulaw remittet. Missiue.

74. The sam day, the saids commissionars remits to the burgh of Perth thair unlay of ane hundreth punds quhairin they war adiudgit for not electing of thair provest conforme to the act of parliament and acts of burrowes, provyding alwayes they bestow the samyn vpon the reparatione of [thair] bridge and to be comptabell thairof to the burrowes the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Statute. Watter metts. Victuall. Missiue.

75. The sam day, the said commissioners statuts and ordeans that all victuall cummand to onye sieport of this kingdome from forain pairts be sie sall be mett and missurit with na uther mett than the watter mett, under the pain of fourtie pundis, to be takin of the burgh quhair the said victuall sall happin to be delyverit be anye uther missiue, and ilk burgh to intimat this present act be open proclamatione at thair marcat croces that ther inhabitants may heirafter pretend na ignorance thairof, and ilk burgh to report thair diligence in writt thairanent the nixt generall conventione under the pane of tuentie punds; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Culros. Impost. Missiue.

76. The sam day, grants licence to the burgh of Culrose to impetrat of our soveran Lord ane gift of the impost following videlicit, to tak and vplift of ilk schip xiij s. iiij d., of ilk crear x s., of ilk gritt bott sex schillings aucht penneis, of ilk small bott iij s. iiij d., cummand within their heavin and herbere, to be imployit be thame vpon the reparation of thair harberie and to indure for the space of seven zeirs, and to be comptabell thairof zeirlie at ilk generall conventione.

Irewyne. Impost. Missiue.

77. The sam day, grants licence to the burgh of Irrwin to impetrat of owr soveran lord ane gift of the impost following for the space of thirteen zeirs nixt after the daitt heirof, to wit, of everie schip bark or crear at everie tyme of thair resort xx s., of everie fische bot anes in the zeir the tyme of thair fisching alennerlie tuelf schillings; and to bestow the samyn vpon the reparatione of thair herberie and to be comptabell thairof to the burrowes at ilk generall conventione, and this impost to be taikin within thair awin herberie and liberteis and friedome thairof.

Glasgow. Support. Missiue. Inerkithing. Air. Bamff.

78. The sam day, anent the supplicationes given in be the burgh of Glasgow cravand support to the helpe of thair kirk and harberie, Inerkithing for support of thair harberie, Bamff support for helping of thair harberie, Air for support of thair harberie and heavin; continuis the ansuer to the said supplications to the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

79. The sam day, anent the complent of the burgh of Air contrair the burgh of Wigtoun for suffering Gilbert Mwre to dwell and remain in Stranrawer and exerse the libertie of ane frie burges thair, ordeans the said burgh to cum instructit to ansuer thairto the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. DUNBAR, 9th July 1613. Air contra Wigtoun. Missiue.

80. The sam day, anent the supplicatione given in be Thomas Findar thair commoun post, desyring ane zeirlie pensione of tuentie punds, the saids commissionars for good and thankfull service done and to be done be him grants and giffis unto him induring the will of the burrowis ane unlay of tuentie punds zeirlie to be delyverit or assignit to him at ilk conventione. Fendar, pensioun.

81. The sam day, grants licence to the burgh of Wigtoun to impetrat of our soueran lord the gift of ane impost following, to witt: of everie schip, bark, crear, and bot pertening to quhatsumever persons that arryves within thair schrefdome the soum of xx s., to be takin anes in the zeir allenerlie, and this impost to indure for the space of thirtein zeirs, and to bestow the samyne vpone the reparatione of thair harberis and to be comptabell thairof at the expyring of the said zeiris, exceptand alwayes the schips, barks, crears, and bots pertening to the inhabitants of frie royall burrowes arryvand within Lochrayen onlie. Wigtoun, impost.

82. The sam day, it is statut and ordeanit with consent of the haill commissioners of burrowes presentlie convenit, that incaice it sall happin the burgh of Edinburgh to forsie anye thing betuix and the nixt conventione generall that they think meitt for thair awin weyll and for the weill of the haill burrowes or onye particular burgh, that befor they sall mak sutt thairof to the kings maiestie or lords of Privie Counsall they sall first, be thair letter missive adverteis the burghs of Perth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Air, Linlithgoe, Sanctandrois, Glasgow, Hadingtoun, Cowper, and Kirkcaldie, to convein at the said burgh at ony tyme neidfull, and to send thair commissionars sufficientlie instructit to reasone, vott, and conclude thairvpon; and the most pairt convenand to have power to reasone and consent thairto, and the citation to be made vpon the expenses of the said burgh of Edinburgh be the agent at the directione of the said burgh, and to be ane heid of the nixt missive if this act sall be perpetuall. Statute. Edinburgh. Burrowes.

The samyne day, the saids commissioners dissols this present conventione, and hes affixit the nixt generall convention to be and begin at the Nixt conventioun.

DUNBAR, 9th July 1613.

This act altert.

burgh of Dumbartane the (*blank*) day of Iulie the zeir of God 1614 zeirs.

H. Cokburne for Hadingtoun.
Iohne Lokhart for Air.
Dauid Huchon.
William Ramsay.
Dauid Wiland.
I. Anstruther.
Iames Cuninghame, Dumfries.
Harie Kynglasie.
Mr R. Cuninghame.
William Steuinsoun.
W. Somerwell for Renfrow.
Ro^{t} Aitkine, Dumfermling.
Dauid Aucherlonny.
G^{e} Woode for Selkirk.
Robert Rychertsoun.
Iohne Forret for Culros.
Mr Alex. Craige for Banff.
Iohnne Myln for Forfar.
Nicoll Kellie.
Iohne Ros for Nairne.
Mark Sandersone.
I. Achesoune, moderator, maister.
D. Aikinheid for Edinburgh.
George Foulis for Edinburgh.
Henrie Andersoune for Perth.
Mr A. Wedderburn for Dundie.
Allex^{r} Rutherfurd for Aberdeyne.
Iames Schort, Stirling.
Iames Stewart for Glasgow.
I. Fallisdaill for Dumbartane.
An. Wilsone.
Iohnne Audney.
Robert Kyle.
Iames Cranstoun for Iedburgh.
Robert Hall for Kirkcudbright.
Iohnne Turner for Wigtoun.
Iohne Dikesoune.
Archibald Ros.
Robert Tailzour, Sanctandrois.
Andro Mylne, Lithgow.
Dauid Symsone, Dysertt.

Edinburgh, 12th July 1613.

In the Generall Conventioun of Burrowes, begun and haldin at Edinburgh the xij day of Iulij j^{m} vj^{c} xiij zeirs, be vertew of the acts of the laitt Generall Conventioun at Dunbar, Convenit the Commissionars of Burrowes vnderwrittin.

EDINBURGH, Dauid Aikinheid, George Fowlis; Perth, Maister Henry Andersoun; Dundie, Maister Alexander Wedderburne; Abirdeyne,

Alexander Rutherfuird; Stirling, Iames Schort; Linlythgow, Androw Mylne; Sanctandrois, Robert Tailzeour; Glasgow, Iames Stewart; Air, Iohnn Lokhart; Dysart, Alexander Hakeid; Hadingtoun, Hary Cokburne; Kirkcaldy, Dauid Hucheoun; Montrose, William Ramsay; Cowper, Dauid Welands; Anstruther Eister, Iohnn Anstruther; Dunfreis, Iames Cvninghame; Innerness, (*blank*); Brunt Iland, Maister Androw Wilsoun; Innerkething, Henry Kynglassie; Kingorne, Maister Robert Cvninghame; Brechane, Ihonn Audny; Irewyne, Robert Kyle; Elgyne, Maister Gawane Dowglas; Iedburgh, Iames Cranstoun; Kirkcudbright, Robert Hall; Wigtoun, Ihonn Turnour; Dunbartane, Ihonn Fallisdaill; Renfrew, William Someruell; Laynrik, exemitt; Abirbrothok, (*blank*); Peblis, Ihonn Dikkesoun; Craill, Androw Mwncreiff; Thayne, Archibald Ros; Selkirk, George Wod; Culros, Ihonn Forrett; Pittinweyme, William Stevensoun; Dunfermling, (*blank*); Anstruther Wester, (*blank*); Dunbar, Maister Ihonn Aichinsoun; Bamff, Maister Alexander Craig; Quhythorne, exemit; Forfare, Ihonn Mylne; Rothesay, exemit; Forres, exemit; Rugleyne, Ihonn Riddell; Northberuik, exemitt; Culane, exemitt; Nayrne, Ihonn Ros; Lauder, Mark Sandersoun; Kilraynie, exemitt; Annand, exemitt; Lochmabene, exemit; Sanquhar, exemitt. EDINBURGH, 12th, 13th July 1613.

1. The quhilk day, the saids commissioners electet Dauid Aikinheid commissioner of Edinburgh thair moderatour induring this present conventioun. Moderatour.

xiij° Iulij j^m vj^c xiij°.

2. The quhilk day, the commissionars presentlie convenit statutes that the burgh quhais commissioners wer present at Dunbar and sall be absent induring the haill tyme of this present conventioun sall be decernit in ane vnlaw of xx li., and he that removis before the dissolving thairof the burgh to pay ane vnlaw of (*blank*), and thai that ar absent at the calling of the rollis to pay ane vnlaw of xx s. *toties quoties.* Absents. Statute.

2. The sam day, the foresaids commissioneris, at the speciall requeist and desyre of my lord Chancellare, and for settling the contrauerseis and questiouns amangs the nychtbours of the burgh of Kirkcaldy, and for dyuers other guid caussis moving thame: Quhairas in the last generall conven- Nixt Conventioun.

EDINBURGH, 13th July 1613.

tioun at Dunbar in Iulij instant the nixt generall conventioun of burrowes wer ordanet and affixit to be haldin at the burgh of Dumbartane, for the caussis foresaid thay innovat the act thairof, and appoyntes and ordanis thair nixt generall conventioun of burrowes to be haldin at the burgh of Kirkcaldy the fyft day of Iulij in the zeir of God j^{m} vj^{c} and fourteyne zeirs with continewatioun of dayes; and ordains the said burgh of Kircaldy be informatioun of thair generall clerk to direct the generall missiue to that effect.

Forret. Exactiouns in Ingland. Missiue.

3. The sam day, the saids commissioners after lang resoning vpoun the complaynts of dyuers nychtbours of Edinburgh and others burrowes, for the exactioun tayne of the merchants of this realm at Yarmowth and sundrie sey ports in Ingland, mentionat in the 43 act of the last conventioun at Dumbar, and anent the offeris maid to this present conventioun be Androw Forrett skipper in Sanctandrois for redres thairof: the saids commissioners at last appoyntet and agreyet with the said Androw for remeid to be had of the said enormiteis as followis, to witt,—the said Androw be thir presents bynds and oblissis him self with all possibill diligence to procure and obteyne of our souerane lord the kings maiestie and of the Counsall of Ingland ane sufficient warrand in writt to the haill trafficquers, merchants and skippers of this realme, that na Scots schips, barks, crears, or guids sall be subiect in tyme cumming to pay any for ther customes, entressis, feyes, or dewteis bot as Inglish schips and guids payis; and that thay sall not be retardet or impedit in thair laydning at the saids portis of Ingland as thay haif bene heirtofore: For the quhilk caus the saids commissioners hes agreyet, consentit, and ordanit that euerie Scots schip that passis to any sey port of Ingland or gois furth of the samyn sall pay to the said Androw sex schillings stirling for the guids, and thre schillings stirling for the schip, in maner following, viz., that he sall be him self or his factours tak vp ane just catologue and roll of the haill schips and guids arryving in or cummand out at ony sie port of Ingland, except Londoun, and this catalogue or roll to be presentet be him to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowes, and ilk burgh to extract the names of sic as ar of thair awin burgh and laydning within thame to the saids ports or Ingland or Ireland and caus thame to pay to the said Androw, his factouris or doares as said is, and ilk burgh to be ansuerabill for thair awin; and this ay and quhill the sowme of ane hunder and ten pund stirling be payet to him with the entres thairof; provyding alwayes

that gif he can not obteyne this gift throw the haill ports of Ingland, zitt gif he obteyne ane perfytt gift and warrand for the port and heavin of Yarmowth, in that case the sowme of thre scoir pund stirling to be payet to the said Androw with the interest in maner foresaid ; and the said burrowes to be na forther astrictet bot to the threscoir pund foresaid with the interest. It is also agreyet that gif the said Androw obteyne the sam warrand for Ireland he sall lykewayes vptak quhatsumeuir superplus that the Scots schips and guids payis thair mair nor Inglis men, and that for defraying of his chairges and expenssis quhilk he makis in obtening the said gift ; and this to indure for Ireland for ane zeir alanerle. And that the said Androw, gif vp ane just catalogue of the samyn at the generall conventioun of burrowes in maner aboue reherset, and this to be remembrit in the generall missiue. And ordains the burgh of Edinburgh to direct missiue lettres in thair names to Maister Patrik Hamiltoun thair agent at Cowrt for helping and fordering the said Androw in the said mater. And zitt, at the speciall desyre of the said Androw, and for his better fortherance and other gude caussis moving thame, the saids commissionars grantis that he sall begyn and vplift the said impost presentlie at Yarmowth, vpoun compt alwayes to be maid to the burrowes at the nixt generall conventioun.

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ANDROW FORRETT.

4. The sam day, ordains the burgh of Edinburgh in thair names to writt to Maister Patrik Hamiltoun thair agent at Court declayring the procedings betuix his Maiesteis Secreitt Counsall and the burrowes in the mater of Maister Patrik Gordoun, concerning Starcovius; and seying the Secreit Counsall is to writt to his maiestie in that mater, thairfor that the said Maister Patrik imploy his travayle as of before that the burrowis be no forder burdenit nor the rest of the realme, at the leist that his maiestie wald suffer that mater, quhilk is ane actioun of debt, to be decydit be cours of law before the ordinar judges in ciuil actiounes ; and giffis also powar to the said burgh of Edinburgh to wryte to the said Maister Patrik in all thinges that may tend to the weill of the burrowis.

Hamiltoun. Agent. Gordoun. Commissioun.

5. The same day, the commissioners of burrowis presentlie convenit ratiefies and apprevis the fyftie fyve act of the late generall conventioun haldin at the burgh of Dumbar, concerning the commissioun gevin be thame to the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdene, Air, Glasgow, Striviling, and swa manie of thame as Edinburgh sall find meit, to convene

Commissio. Sevin burrowes. Burghs of Barony. Missiue.

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at Edinburgh at all occasiouns quhen they salbe requyrit be the burgh of Edinburgh, for prosecutioun of the suspensiounes and actiounes depending before the Lordis of Sessioun betuixt certane of the Fre Regall Borrowes and the Burghis of Barronie and for removing of all differences standing betuixt the saidis Burrowis; and siclyk anent all vther maters concerning the saidis burrowis that sall interveyne betuixt this and the nixt generall conventioun of the saidis burrowes. And becaus the attendants vpone these maters and following furth of the samin be law and all vther guid moyanes will requyre the advancement of certane soumes of money, the saids commissioneris be thir presents geves powar and commissioun to the saidis sevin borrowis, and swa mony of theme as the said burgh of Edinburgh sall think meit to convene to the effect foresaid, to borrow sic soumes of money as they sall think necessar to be wairit and bestowit in the earandis foresaidis. And quhateuir beis borrouit or vpliftit be theme to the effect abouementionat the saidis commissioners of borrowis be thir presents bindis and obleissis theme and ther burghis, ilk ane respectiue for thair awin pairtis according to the stent roll, to refound the samin to the particular borrowis quha sall geve thair bands thairfore with the proffeitt of the samin, extending zeirlie to ten for ilk hundreth thairof, ay and quhill the samin be fullie satisfiet. Also the saidis commissioners agreyis, consentis, and ordanis that the expenssis of the saidis commissioneris of the saidis sevin borrowis or ony of them convenand as said is salbe vpone the expenssis of the haill borrowis be ressoun they travyle in the commoun effaires of the haill estate; and for thair expenses foresaids the saidis commissioneris of borrowis allowes to ilk ane of theme fourtie schillingis in the day, by and attour the defraying of thair horse hyre cummand and gangand; and this ordour and maner of borrowing and allowance stand and continew quhill the nixt generall conventioun allanerlie, at the quhilk tyme they ordane and agries that ilk burgh bring thair pairt of the saidis soumes in particular to the said nixt conventioun to be payit to the debursers and advancers thairof vnder the payne of xx lis. ilk burgh, bye and attour the said principall soumes that they sould haif brocht with thame; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Statute. Debts awand the burrowes and agent. Missiue.

7. The same day, the commissioners presentlie convenit thocht expedient, statut and ordanit that all borrowis quhilk in tyme cumming sall failzie to send with thair commissioners at ilk generall conventioun the particular

soumes restand awand be theme to the agent, togidder with all vther soumes quhilk they sould pay according to the actes of borrowis maid thervpoun, laufull wairning being maid to theme be the missiue of before, they sall not onlie stand debtbund of the saidis soumes, but also be repute and vnlawit as absents fra that conventioun, bye and attour the payment of the particular penulties contenit in the saidis actes, and the missiue to be particular in the saidis soumes. EDINBURGH, 13th, 14th July 1613.

The same day, gevis commissioun to the burgh of Edinburgh to sett doun in writt and geve to Neill Kae, electit Maister of the Consergerie hous of the natioun at Campheir, all iniunctiounes neidfull to be gevin to him in vsing and exercing of the said office, *promittentes de rato etc.*, takand the advyce of the maist skilfull merchants of the said burgh or ony vther burgh travelling to Campheir beand heir. Commissio. Kae. Conservgerie.

The same day, gevis commissioun to the burgh of Edinburgh with my lord Conservator to tak ordour with Iohne Laper, burges of Sanctandrois, concerning the complaint maid against him, conforme to the 38 act of the last generall conventioun at Dumbar, with pouar to trye, judge, and decerne thairintil as the saidis borrowis mycht haif done theme selffis; and Robert Taelzeor present commissioner of the said burgh to caus him compeir before the said burgh of Edinburgh betuixt and the first day of August nixt to cum to that effect. Commissio. Edinburgh. Laper.

Decimo quarto Iulij 1613.

The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris presentlie convenit, vnderstanding that the baillies and counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh and certane of ther nychtbours, for theme selffis and taking the burdene vpoun theme for the remanent borrowis of this realme, hes submittit and referrit the contraversie depending betuixt the saidis borrowis and the takkismen of his maiesteis greit customes, and anent the making of the buik of raittes therof, to the amicabill decisioun of ane reverend Father in God Iohn Archiebischope of Glasgow, Sir Thomas Hammiltoun of Byris knicht, Secretar of Scotland, and Sir Gedeon Murray of Elilebank knicht, Thesaurer Deput of Scotland, lykas the saidis burrowes vnderstandis that his maiestie hes committed the said mater to the saidis lords; thairfore the saidis com- Submissio. Customes.

EDINBURGH, 14th July 1613.

missionars of borrowis ratifies and approvis the said submissioun, and hes submittet and be thir presents submittis the said mater to the amicabill decisioun of the saidis lordis, ratiefieand also and approwand the former act maid be theme at Edinburgh the first of Iulij instant, *promittentes de rato, etc.*

Horssis of rela. Missiue.

The same day, anent the propositioun maid to theme at Dumbar be Sir William Setoun of (*blank*) knicht, desyring ordour to be tane for provyding of horses of rela at plaices convenient within the realme for serving of his maiesteis leiges, the saids commissioners continewis thair ansuer thairto to the nixt generall conventioun, and ordains the same to be ane heid of the nixt missiwe.

Elgyne.

The same day, Alexander Rutherfurd commissioner of Abirdene askit instruments that he did intimatt to Maister Gavin Douglas commissioner of Elgyne, being personallie present, the sevint act of the last conventioun at Dumbar concerning the said burgh, and inrespect the said Maister Gavin's reparatioun and excusis for the said burgh the saidis commissioners suspendis the vplifting of the xl lib. vnlaw quhairin the said burgh was adiudged be the said act to the nixt generall conventioun, they schawand forder diligence conforme to the said act.

Commissio. Dumbar. Missiue.

The sam day, the saids commissioners ordains the burghs of Edinburgh, Haddintoun, Northbervik, and Kirkcaldy to direct thair commissioners to meitt and convene at the burgh of Dumbar the tent day of August nixttocum, to concur and assist with the said burgh and sie that the former acts of burrowes at this present fyscheing, and namelie the acts of the messours of heyring, be obseruet and keippet; and for the better executioun thairof statutes and ordanis that na heyring be delyuerit or ressuet bot be the said messours vnder the payne of ten li. to be tayne be the said burgh bayth of delyuerer and resaver contraveand swa oft as thai failzie and contravenis the act thairof; and ordains the said burgh to be cairfull to se the said act of the messours put in practise at this present tak of hering and vplift the same vnlaw of the said contravenars, and the said burghs with Dunbar to report thair diligence to the nixt conventioun; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Commissio. Minister at Campheir. Missiue.

The sam day, gevis full power and commissioun to the burgh of Edinburgh with swa many of the burghs of Perth, Dundie, Abirdeyne, Air, Glasgow, Stirling, as Edinburgh sall think meitt, to caus the kirk of the

natioun at Campheir be plantet with ane sufficient minister, according to the acts of burrowes and contract with Campheir, and to do all things neid-full for prosequutioun thairof, *promittentes de rato*, and mak report thairof to the nixt generall conventioun ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. EDINBURGH, 14th, 15th July 1613.

The sam day, anent the supplicatioun of the burgh of Elgyne craving support of the burrowes to the reparatioun of thair heavin of Stotfauld, ordains the sam to be ane heid of the nixt missiue. Elgyne. Missiue.

The sam day, comperit Iohnn Laper in Sanctandrois and confest his offence done to Iohnn Wallace conseruatour depute at Campheir in Iun last, be refusing to pay his impost, and thairfor referrit himself in the will of the commissioners of burrowes and my lord Conseruatour and promist not to do the lyke in tyme cumming : inrespect quhairof the saids commissioners with avyse of my lord Conseruatour hes remitteit the said Iohnn all offence and pvnisement quhilk he hes incurrit thairthrough, quhairvpoun the commissioner of Sanctandrois asket instruments.

xv^{to} Iulij j^{m} vj^{c} xiij^{o}.

The quhilk day, the saids commissioners ordains Iames Wynrahame, agent, to pay to the clerk of Dumbar the sowm of twenty punds for writting and directing of the generall missiue to the conventioun haldin at Dumbar, and the same to be allowet in his compts.

Harie Kynglassie for Innerkeithing
Robt. Aitkine for Dumfermling
I. Anstruther for Anstruther Eister
Iohne Myln for Forfar
Mr G. Douglass for Elgyne
Iohne Dickesoune
Iohnne Forrett for Culros
Mark Sandersone for Lawder
G^{e} Woode for Selkirk
Iohn Ros for Nairne
D. Aitkinheid for Edinburght moderatur
George Foulis for Edinburgh
Henry Anderson for Perth
Mr A. Wedderburn for Dundie
Alexr Rutherfurd for Aberdein
Iames Steuart for Glasgow
Robertt Tailzour for Sanctandrois
Iames Schort for Stirling
H. Cokburne for Hadingtoun
William Ramsay for Montruss

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Archibald Ros for Tane and Forres
Iohnne Awdny
Dauid Huchon
Robert Hall
Dauid Wiland for Cowper
Mr R. Cuninghame for Kinghorne
Mr J. Achesone for Dumbar
Iames Cuninghame for Drumfries
An. Wilsone
Alexr. Hakket for Dysert
Ihonne Turner for Wigtoun
Robert Kyle for Irwin
I. Fallasdaill for Dumbartane
Iames Cranstoun for Iedburgh
William Steuinsoun for Pittenweme

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The Iniunctiones sett doun be the Commissionars of Borrowis haldin at the burgh of Dumbar the sext day of Iulij the zeir of God 1613 zeires, to be obseruit and keipit be Neill Kae, Maister of the Consergerie hous of Campheir, as after followis:

1. The Maister of the Consergerie hous sall be haldin to repair vpone his awin expenssis and chairges all thinges that salbe damniefiet within the same in his or his servandis defalt, and sall furnish the said hous sufficientlie with beds, bedding, taibles, benks, stuiles, chyres, linning, wollen, plaittes, glassis, knyffis, candlestickes, and all vther necessars belonging thairto.

2. The Consergerie is frie of all excyses of wyne and beir small and gritt, vinegar, vergus, salt, and oyle.

3. The Maister of the Consergerie sall furnish the hous vpone his awin chairges with sufficient wyne and beir small and gritt, pepper, meitt, salt, and all vther thinges belanging to the service of the taibles.

4. The Maister of the Consergerie with advyse of the speciall merchands sall apoint ane, tua, or mair roomes and chalmeirs to be ordinaire eitting roomes, in ilk ane of the quhilk rowmes thair sall stand ane taible quhairatt the merchandis sall eit as the greatnes of the number salbe; and all the rest of the chalmeris and rowmes, the natioun being first satisfiet of sleiping and eitting rowmes, the remnant to the vse of the said Maister of the Consergerie and his familie.

5. The said Maister of the Consergerie sall intertinnie the merchantis of the best sort of the natioun with fresch and poulderit beif of sic as the land thair affordes, with mustard thairto, and mutton sodden and rostit, or

sic vther meitt as the seasoun of the yeir randeris, with breid and stark Inglis beir, sa mikle as they may eitt and drink in ane ressonable maner, with cheis and fruites efter meitt, according to the number that salbe at the taible, for aught stuires ilk persone. DUMBAR, July 1613.

6. Item, the vther tables to be intertyniet with the same sort of meittes with breid and small Inglis beir, swa mikle as they may eitt and drink moderatlie, for sex stures and ane half ilk persone; and gif they call for stark beir to pay for the same extraordinarlie at tua stures the can.

7. The said Maister of the Consergerie sall furnisch the taible twyse in the oulk with cleyne naiprie.

8. Item, anent sleiping, gif any merchant lye allane, sall pay twa stuires in the nicht, and gif thair sleip twa merchantis in ane bed sall pay ane sture ilk persone, and gif ony merchant pleis to ly him allone the said maister sall permitt him thairto; and sall furnish ilk fyftene dayes clene scheittes and codwaires to the haill beds within the said Consergerie hous.

9. Giff any of the merchants or natioun ludging in the Consergerie hous breck or abuse any plenisching or ony thing quhatsumeuir belonging to the said hous they sall satisfie the same, and gif they vse any incivile behauiour or ryote, or be any way vndecent, they sall pay to the pure according to the faltis as they ar of gritnes at the discretioun of the Maister of the Consergerie, with advyse of twa or thrie of the speciall merchandis being within the house for the tyme; but giff they call any ane vther ane knaif or lowne or sic iniurious language, or els sould gif ane vther ane cuf on the halfit, thay sall pay ane pund Fleymes for euerie ane of thir faltis; and gif they stryk ane another with quhinger, daiger, knyf, or rung, and caus the offendit blude, they sall pay fyve punds grit besydes the curing of the woundes and satisfieing of the pairtie greivit; gif they scold or drink extraordinarlie at the taibles they sall pay the wyne and beir drucken extraordinarlie and ane pund Fleyms besyde for the pure, the same being tryet be the Maister and twa or thrie of the honest men being at the taible.

10. Giff thay call for thair brekfast thay sall pay for the same according to that thei ressaive.

11. Giff any of the natioun will haif ane banquett they sall adverteis the Maister of the Consergerie before in dew tyme the samin may be prepairit, for the quhilk they sall pay extraordinarlie.

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12. The speciall merchand with advyse of the Maister of the Consergerie and factours sall zeirlie chuse four of the natioun remaining thair to sett the pryce vpone ther wyne quarterlie and to trye that the wyne and beir be sufficient and not mixit, and gif any of the said beir and wyne be tryet be the said four men not to be sufficient or mixit, the Maister of the Consergerie sall pay *toties quoties* ane pund Fleymis.

13. In all the ordinarie eitting rowmes and chalmeris the Maister of the Consergerie salbe haldin to furnish fyre at none, and at nicht frome October to the first of Apryle, in tyme of denner and supper onlie.

14. Also at nicht the Maister of the Consergerie sall send his servand with candill and lanterne to fetch his merchants to supper betwixt saxt and sevin hours at nicht quhen the mone schynes nott; bott quhen the moone schynes cleir they sall cum without candle or bowatt at the hour foresaid.

15. Also they sall all retire thame to thair chalmeris and ludginges in winter at half hour to ten, vnder the payne of ane vnlaw of ane pund Fleymis.

16. Lykwayis, the Maister of the Consergerie sall furnisch the porter that keipes the entrie, meitt, drink, ludging, fyre, and candill.

17. Item, euerie maile, noone, and evin, the trynsheour salbe laid doun and ilk man sall pay his ordinar.

18. Nane may eitt or drink in the hous bot the merchantis and marinellis of the nation, except that any gentleman or student or ony man of plaice, being alwayes of the Scottis natioun, they to haif licence to bye and eitt in the Consergerie hous in ane chalmer at ane taible apairt, for the spaice of fourtie aucht houres onlie.

19. And ordains the Maister of the Consergerie to caus hing ane box above ilk ane of the eitting taibles, and caus ilk ane quha sweires pay to the box thrie gritt als oft as they contravene.

20. Item, ordains the Maister of the Consergerie witb all diligence to caus mak ane sufficient and stark box with thrie lockes, and the minister to haif ane of the keyes thairof in his custodie, the maister him self ane vther, and ane of the factores quha salbe thocht maist meitt thairfore to haif the thrid key. In the quhilk box salbe putt all the vnlawis before mentionat; and the key of ilk small box ordanit to be hung above the taibles to be gevin in keeping to the minister and they to be opint be him in presence of thame that keipes the vther twa keyis quarterlie or swa aft ns salbe thocht

meitt, and the siluer that is tane out of thame or ony of thame to be put to the great box; and the haill vnlawis thrie quarters of thame to be employed to the pure of the natioun and the fourt pairt thairof to be gevin to the Maister of the Consergerie; and swa aft as the box is opnit to be in presence of the minister, maister, and factour keiper of the thrid key, and thrie or four of the speciall merchandis being thair for the tyme; and the pryce of the great box to be payet be the first vnlawis salbe collectit. DUNBAR, July 1613.

21. And ordains the said Maister of the Consergerie to obserue and keip all the iniunctiounes sett doun betuixt the natioun and the toun of Campheir in the contract, concerning the protectioun of the Consergerie hous.

22. And ordains the Maister of the Consergerie to obserue the haill premissis, and als aft as it sall pleis the borrowes ather to alter any of thir iniunctiounes or to ad any forder to theme, that the said Maister of the Consergerie salbe haldin vpone the advertisement of the borrowes to obserue and keip the same. IN WITNES quhairof the said Neill Kae hes subscryuit to the samyne iniunctiones with his hand as followes.

N. KAE.

In the Generall Conventione of Burrowes, begun and haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the fourteint day of September, the zeir of God ane thousand sex hundreth and thirtein zeirs, be vertewe of the laitt acts of the last Generall Conventioun of Burrowis haldin at Edinburgh in Iulie last, Compirit the Commissioners of Burrowes and producit thair commissiouns as followis: EDINBURGH, 14th September 1613.

EDINBURGH, Iames Nisbet, George Fowls; Perth, David Sibbald; Dundie, Maister William Fergusone; Abirdeyne, (*blank*); Striviling, Iohne Schearer; Linlithgoe, Andro Bell; Sanctandroes, Henrie Arthour; Glasgow, Iames Bell; Air, George Cochrane; Dysart, David Simsone yonger; Hadingtoun, Patrik Broun; Kirkcaldie, David Hutchen; Montrose, Maister

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William Maken; Cowper, David Andersone; Anstruther Eister, Henrie Moreis; Dumfries, (*blank*); Inernes, (*blank*); Bruntisland, Maister Andro Wilsone; Inirkithing, Herie Kinglassie; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cunninghame; Brichane, (*blank*); Irrwing, (*blank*); Elgyne, (*blank*); Iedburgh, (*blank*); Kirkcudbright, (*blank*); Wigtoun, Nivine Makie; Pitinweyme, (*blank*); Dumferling, Robert Aitkeine; Dumbartane, (*blank*); Ramfrow, (*blank*); Lanerk, (*blank*); Abirbrothok, David Auchterlonie; Peblis, (*blank*); Craill, (*blank*); Tayne, (*blank*); Selkirk, George Wood; Anstruther Wester, Henrie Cunninghame; Culrose, (*blank*); Dumbar, Maister Iohne Achesone; Bamff, (*blank*); Quhithorne, (*blank*); Forfare, (*blank*); Rothesay, (*blank*); Forres, (*blank*); Ruglen, William Gray; Northberwick, George Baillie; Cwlane, (*blank*); Nairne, (*blank*); Lawder, (*blank*); Kilrenie, ratification producit be Anstruther Eister; Annand, (*blank*); Lochmavin, (*blank*); Sancheir, Ninian Fleming.

Moderatour.

1. The sam day, the saids commissionars maks and constituts Iames Nisbet first in commissione for the burgh of Edinburgh thair moderator for this present conventione, quha acceptit the samyne and geve his aith *de fideli administratione.*

Edinburgh. Minister at Campheir.

2. The sam day, the saids commissionars understanding that the burgh of Edinburgh hes debursit certane soumes of money in inquyring for ane honest and sufficient man quha sould serve in thair kirk in Campheir, thairfor thay agrie and consents that the said soumes be refoundit unto tham of the first and readiest of the dewties collected for the stipend of the said minister at the said toun of Campheir; and ordeans letters to be direct in thair names to Thomas Cunninghame collector of the said stipend to that effect.

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Agent. Falkland. Newburgh. Missiue.

3. The quhilk day, the saids commissionars of burrowes, understanding that the burghs of Falkland and Newburgh and certane uther burghs ar frie regall burrowes and inioyes all the liberties of frie regall burrowes, and as zitt ar nether enrolled with the remanent frie regall burrowes of this realme nor beirs anye portabell chairges with them, thairfore they ordeane Iames Winrahame thair agent to caus summond the saids burghs to compeir

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befor thame the nixt generall conventione of burrowes to be haldin at the burgh of Kirkcaldie, to the effect they may inroll them selfis with the saids remanent burrowes and beir all portabell chairges with thame accordinglie, and the agent to produce his diligence heiranent the nixt generall conventione ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Edinburgh, contrair Dumbar. Missiue.

4. The sam day, anent the complent of certane of the nightboors of the burgh of Edinburgh given in agains the burgh of Dumbar, for exacting and vplifting of tuentie schillings of everie last of hering mair nor they war in vse to pay of befor, thairfor they ordean the burgh of Dumbar to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructit to ansuer to the said complent the nixt generall conventione ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Burrowes. Impost of 4 li. the twn of wyne.

5. The sam day, being proponit to the present commissioners anent the ferming of the impost of four punds imposed vpon ilk tun of wyne coppit and ventit in smalls within the frie burrowes and uther burghs of baronie and pairts in landwart nixt adiacent, the present commissioners agreis and consents to ferm the sam, ilk ane for thair awin burgh, and uther burghs of baronie and uther bounds nixt adiacent or within thair liberties, vpon the conditions contenit in the contract presented to thame be Iames Winrahame agent.

Stercovius. KingsMaiestie.

6. The sam day, the commissioners of his maiesties burrowes underwritten being convenit, Iames Nisbet, ane of the baillies of the burgh of Edinburgh and moderator of the said assemblie, declared that his maiesties secretarie had signified to the provest bailleis and counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh, willing thame to impairt the samyne to the rest of the burrowes that his maiestie declared be his letter to him his inflexibell perseverance in urgeing of the burrowes with payment of the chairges debursit be Maister Patrik Gordoun and David Gray in persuit of Stercovius, and that in cais they refuse to mak payment to thame of thair chairges debursed be thame thairin his maiestie will not onlie discharge his agent to solicit thair effairs in the easterne pairts, but also that his maistie meaneth to convein his estaits to the effect that the burrowes who, declyning the iudgement of his maiesties counsall, can not withstand nor refuis thair determination, may be the clergie and nobilitie be decerned to mak payment of the quholl, and that for this effect his maiestie intendeth, if the burrowes zeild not in tyme to the payment thairof, to convein the estaits with all diligence that so they may be forced to imbrace that quhich they refuis agains reasone to yeild to,

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and thairfor willed the provest and baillies of the counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh to convein the burrowes to the effect they might returne to his maiestie thair last resolutione anent that mater of Stercovius; and that thairfor the provest bailleis and counsall of Edinburgh, for obedience of his maiesties gratious will and pleasure signified to thame be his maiesties secretarie, had writtin to thame to convein the fourteint of September instant within this burgh that some good and solide cours thairanent may be taken: quhairwith the commissioners of burrowes presentlie convenit being ryplie advysed, and having considerit that the infamous lybell writtin be Stercovius toucheth the haill natioun and that the sam doeth not concerne thame alone, and that nather be law, pactione, nor contract the burrowes ar obleist in payment to Maister Patrik Gordoun and David Gray of the chairges debursit be thame in persuitt of Stercovius, as also the burdeins imposed vpone thame, and taxations zett to be levied of thame both this present zeir and some zeirs to come, and of the gritt decay of tred and commerce within this kingdome by his maiesties absence: fynds that they cannot be anye furder chairged bot with the proportionall payment of the chairges debursed in persuitt of Stercovius, and that they aught not to be solie defrayers thairof; and thairfor they will ane letter to be penned be thair common clerk in all humilitie offering to his maiestie thair proportionall payment with the rest of the estaits quhat it sall pleis his maiestie to urge the samyne, and maist humblie to intreat his maistie to be pleasit to accept of this thair humble offer and to have iust commiseratione of thair meannes and innabilitie, and to begg maist humblie of his maistie the continouance of his royall favour and protectione.

Edinburgh. Dunbar. Missiue.

7. The sam day, anent the complent given in be the merchants and tredders of frie burrowes of this realme agains the toun of Dwmbar, for alledgit exacting of certane soumes of money from them vpon ilk last of hering, and for contravening of certane acts of parliament and burrowes, the commissionar of Dwmbar present submits the decisione thairof to the right honorabell Sir Iohne Arnot of Bersick knight, provest of the burgh of Edinburgh, Iohne Schearer commissionar for the burgh of Striviling, Androe Bell commissionar for the burgh of Linlithgoe, and Patrik Broun commissionar for the burgh of Hadingtoun, and takand the burdein vpon him for the toun of Dwmbar binds and obleissis him to abyd and underly thair sentence and determinatione but reclamatione, to be decydit be thame

betuix and the last day of October nixt; or utherwayes incaice the toun of Dwmbar refuis to submit and abyd at the sentence of the saids iudges, then and in that caice he binds and obleissis him to caus redelyver the haill soumes of money consignit and unlayes exactit from the saids compleaners be the provest and bailleis of the said toun of Dumbar, the saids compleaners finding sufficient cautione to ansuer to quhatsumever complent sall be given in agains thame be the saids provest and baillies of the burgh of Dwmbar befor the commissionars of burrowes the nixt generall conventione; and the commissionars of burrowes present ordeans the decreit and sentence to be pronuncit be the saids iudges to stand as ane generall ordour for the haill compleaners.

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8. The sam day, the commissionar for the burgh of Edinburgh verefeit the citatione of the burrowes to this present conventione.

Citatioun.

9. The sam day, the present commissionars of burrowes unlayes the burghs of Abirdein, Dwmfries, Brichane, Irrwing, Kirkcudbright, Pitinweyme, Ramfrow, Lanrek, Abirbrothok, Peblis, Craill, Culrose, Lawder, Dwndie, and Northberwick, for being absent fra this present conventione being laufullie citat thairto, ilk ane of them in the unlay of fourtie punds, and ordeans ilk ane of the saids burghs to bring their saids unlawes with thair pairt of the clerk and agent feyes under the pain of tuentie punds ilk ane of thame to the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Burrowes absent vnlawet. Missiue.

Henre Moreis.
Mr W. Mackene.
D. Andersone.
Harie Kynglasie.
Mr R. Cuninghame.
Henrie Cunynghame.
Dauid Huchon.
Rot. Aitkine.
Ge. Woode for Selkirk.
Wam. Gray.
I. Achesoune.
James Nisbett moderatour.
George Foulis for Edinburgh.
Dauid Sibbald for Perth.
Iohne Scherar for Stirling.
Andro Bell for Lynlithgow.
Henrie Arthour.
Iames Bell.
George Cochrane.
Patrik Broune.
Dauid Symsone.
An. Wilsone.

EDINBURGH, 9th December 1613.

In the Conventione of Burrowes haldin and begun at Edinburgh the nynt day of December ane thousand sex hundreth and thirtein zeirs.

EDINBURGH, Alexander Persone, George Foulls; Dundie, Maister William Fargusone; Abirdeyne, Alexander Rutherfurde; Sanctandrois, Iohn Arnote; Glasgow, Iames Inglis; Stirling, Iohne Schearer; Dysart, David Sympsoun yonger; Kirkcaldie, Thomas Lamb; Muntrose, Robert Batye; Cowper, David Andersone; Inernes, William Cambell; Kirkcudbright, Edward Forrester; Pitinweyme, Thomas Richardsone; Bruntiland, William Mikiliohne; Kinghorne, James Boswell; Bamffe, Maister Alexander Craig; Abirbrothok, Maister David Persone; Culrose, William Chatto; Rutherglen, Thomas Wylkie; Air, George Masoun; Linlithgoe, Andro Bell; Hadingtoun, Herie Cokburne; Anstruther Eister, Hary Moreis; Dumferling, Iohne Andersone; Ramfrow, William Sommervell; Peiblis, Iohne Dikisone; Dwmbar, Maister Iohne Achesone; Nairne, Iohne Rose; Lawder, Mark Sandersone.

Moderatour

1. The quhilk day, the commissioners of burrowes presentlie convenit apoints Alexander Persone moderator during this present conventione, quha acceptit the samyne.

Submissio. Dumbar merchants.

2. The samyn day, Master Iohne Achesone commissionar for the burgh of Dumbar submits, as of befor, the decisione of the contraversie and complent given in be the tredders and merchands unlayit be thame at the last hering dreave at Dumbar befor the commissionars of burrowes at thair last conventione, haldin at Edinburgh the [15th] day of September last, to Sir Iohne Arnot of Bersik knight provost of the burgh of Edinburgh, Iohne Schearer commissionar for the burgh of Striviling, Andro Bell commissionar for the burgh of Linlithgoe, Patrik Broun commissionar for the burgh of Hadingtoun, as iudges chosen with consent of both the saids pairties, to be decydit betuix and the fyftein day of Januar nixt; and als ratefeis and approves the former submissione made thair anent in the haill heades, clauses, and articles thairof, conforme to the tenor thairof in all points.

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Kings grace aduocatt. Burrowes. Extent vjm merks.

The quhilk day, the saids commissionars beand convenit, for obedience of ane charge direct at the instance of Sir William Olyphant of Newtone knight, his hienes advocat, agains the haill frie burrowes of this realme, quhairby they war laufullie summondit wairnit and chairgit to have compirit vpon the nynt day of December instant to heir and sie thame decernit to mak payment to Maister Patrik Gordoun, his hienes agent in the eist pairts, and David Gray borne of Scots parents in Sprucia, of the soume of sex hundreth punds stirling money as for the expenses debursit be thame in prosecuting to death ane Stercovius, quha had published ane infamous lybell agains the haill natioun to thair greatt infamie and dishonor, quhilk at his maiesties command and directione was by the said Maister Patrik's means recallit and the said Stercovius execute to death, as at mair lenthe is contenit in the principall summonds direct agains thame thair anent of the dait the (*blank*) day of November last; and they beand callit befor the saids lords the said day and compeirand, and having with all reverences proponit thair declinatour exceptione agains the lords of his hienes Secreit Counsall that they could not be iudges competent to thame in this actione, beand the nature of civill actiones concluding the payment of ane debt alledgit dew to be payit be thame to the said Maister Patrik Gordoun and David Gray, and that they had sundrie laufull defences competent to thame to be proponit before the iudge ordinar, as that they ar nawayes tyit nether be promeis, pactione, or ony uther obligatione quhairby they can be brought within the compas of the said debt or iustlie be made debitors to the said persons, quhilk with sundrie other thair defences could not be reseavit in that iudgement, and thairfor desyrand to be remittit to the iudge ordinar; and the lords of the Secreitt Counsall having continowit thair ansuer to the said declinator and interloquutor thairanent to the fourteint of December instant, the saids coumissionars having convenit to consult thair vpone, housumever they find thair declinator competent to thame and that they can in na wayes be debitors to the saids persons nether be promeis, pactione, nor obligatione, and that therfor they resolve to abyd at thair declinator and uthers thair laufull defences competent to thame; and to that effect maks and constituts the commissionars of the burghs of Edinburgh, Abirdeyne, Striviling, Sanctandrois, Glasgow, (and) Hadingtoun, and Dumbar,

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thair laufull procurators in thair name to compeir before the saids lords of Secreit Counsall, and in thair names to defend and prosecute the saids summonds to the finall decisione thairof, and to doe quhatsumever things sall be fund be the advyse of thair procurators fitt to be proponit for liberating of the burrowes of this realme from the said summonds and desyr thairof, *promittentes de rato.* Yitt the saids commissionars acknauledging thair happines to have livit under so gracious ane prince, quho doeth resent the leist indignitie offerit to his native subiects of this his ancient kingdome, and beand maist willing albeit in powerfulness, zitt in all dewtie and affectione to be schort of na uther his maiesties subiects in testimonie of thair dewtifull and loyall affections and thankfull mynds to his maiestie, hes thoght good to mak offer to his maiestie of the soum of sex thousand marks vsual money of this realme in name of the haill burrowes to be payit be the saids haill burrowes of this realme to his hienes thesaurer of Scotland with this zeirs taxatione; and consents and agreis that letters be direct at the thesaurers instance for chairging of the haill burrowes of this realme for payment of the said soum, ilk ane for thair awin pairts conforme to the extent roll, agains Witsonday nixt, under pain of horning.

Sanctandrois contrair Craill. Anstruther, Pittinweyme Kilraynie. Missiue.

The sam day, anent the complent given in be the commissionar of the burgh of Sanctandrois agains the burgh of Craill, Anstruther Eister and Wester, and Pitinweyme and Kilrennie, for debarring of thame from packing and peiling of all sorts of fisches and hering at thair ports, ordeans the saids burghs to send thair commissionars sufficientlie instructit to ansuer thairto to the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Mr I. Achesoun for Dwmbar.
Ihone Ross for Narne.
Ihone Diksoune.
Iames Boisuille for Kyngorne.
Ihone Andersone for Dunfermling.
Mark Sandersone bailzie for Lawder.
Williame Chattow for Culrois.
Eduard Forrester, commissioner for Kirkcudbright.
Alexander Peirsoun moderatour.
Alexr. Rutherfurd for Aberdein.
Iohnne Arnott for Sanctandrois.
Iohne Scherar for my brughis pairt, Stirling.
H. Cokburne for Hadingtoun.
Robert Betye for Montrosse.
George Mason for Ayr.

In the Particular Conventione of Burrowes, haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the tuentie day of Ianuar ane thousand sex hundreth and fortine zeirs, be the Commissionars of Burrowes underwrittin, be vertewe of ane commission grantit unto thame at the last Generall Conventione of Burrowes haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the fourtein day of Iulie the zeir of God ane thousand sex hundreth and thirtein zeirs.

EDINBURGH, 20th January 1614.

EDINBURGH, Alexander Persone, Edward Ker; Dundie, William Auchinlek, baillie; Perth, Iohne Andersone; Abirdeyne, (*blank*); Striviling, Duncan Patersone; Glasgow, Iames Bell; Air, (*blank*).

Macduff, minister at Campheir.

The quhilk day, forsamikill as, in the particular conventione of burrowes haldin at Edinburgh the tuentie fyft day of Iulie the zeir of God ane thousand sex hundreth and twelfe zeirs, the commissionars of burrowes then convenit for intreating anent the satling of the staple of the Scots natioun at Campheir, conforme to the commissione grantit to thame be ane act of the last generall conventione of the saids burrowes haldin at Abirbrothok the nynt day of the said moneth of Iulie zeir of God forsaid, amongs manie uther heids and articles thair votit and concludit, they, forseeing the gritt detriment and damage sustenit be the merchand treadders, shippers, factors, and uthers of the natioun resortand to the said toun of Campheir throw inlaik of the exerceis of the true relligione and ecclesiasticall discipline presentlie professit within this realme, vpon the Sabbath dayes and uther convenient occasions, thoght fit and expedient that thair sould be ane pastore plantit for serving of the kirk of the natioun at Campheir, and that the commissionars to be apointit be thame to pas to Campheir for intreating anent the satling of the staple thair sould deall with the said toun of Campheir for provyding of ane house, maill frie, for the pastor to be apointit to the said kirk of the natioun thair, quha sould have his beir and wyne excyse frie; and als that the merchands, tredders, and sailers of the natioun resortand to the said staple sould pay the particular dewties contenit in

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the act made thairanent of the particular goodes thairin contenit, and that for the making vp of the zeirlie stipend to be allowit to him; and als ordeanit David Aikinheid and William Goldmane thair commissionars direct to the effect above writtin to agrie with the factors thair for thair pairt of his said stipend, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said act of the daitt forsaid; lyk as in the contract past betuix the saids commissionars for the natioun and the commissionars for his Excellence and the toun of Campheir, of the daitt at Campheir the nyntein day of November the zeir of God ane thousand sex hundreth and twelfe zeirs, the saids commissionars of Campheir band and obleist thame to provyde ane honest house with all the privileges inioyit be the factors of the said natioun, lyk as the factors of the natioun at Campheir consentit that ane schilling gritt sould be uplifted of ilk seck of goodes they sould happin to reseave for thair parte of the said ministers stipend, as at mair lenthe is contenit in the act of court made thairanent of the daitt the day of the zeir of God forsaid; and that the commissionars of burrowes in thair particular conventione haldin at Edinburgh the fourtein day of Iulie last had gevin power to the burgh of Edinburgh with sua many of the burghs of Perth, Dundie, Abirdeyne, Air, Glasgow, and Striviling, as Edinburgh sould think mitt, to cause the kirk of the natioun at Campheir be plantit with ane sufficient pastor according to the acts of burrowes and contract with Campheir maid thairanent; lyk as the saids commissionars of the burghs above written being convenit, after dewe tryall takin of the qualificatione of master Alexander Makduffe, and als of his lyfe and conversatione, hes with consent of his maiestie and the right reverent Father in God George Archchiebishope of Sanctandrois, resaivit the said Maister Alexander in name of the saids burrowes to be thair ordinar pastor for the natioun at thair kirk at Campheir: Thairfor they have agriet with him in maner following, videlicet, that the said Master Alexander shall have, during his residence and ministrie thair, for his dwelling house the foresaid house apointit to be provydit for thair pastour be the toun of Campheir, with all immunities and privileges inioyit be anye thair factors thair; and als that the said Master Alexander shall have for his zeirlie stipend during his ministrie thair, and in contentatione thairof vplift and reseave be him selfe and his collectors to be apoyntit for ingathering of the same, the particular dewties continit in the particular act of burrowes maid thairanent of guds,

merchands, mariners, ships, and skippers, as is severallie thairin contenit, of the daitt of the tuentie fyve day of Iulie the zeir of God ane thousand sex hundreth and twelfe zeirs, together with the particular dewtie grantit be the factors thair for thair parte; and becaus the said dewties hes not as yett bein collectit in such sorte that perfyte knowledge may be had to quhat soume the same may zeirlie amount, thairfor the saids commissionars in name of the burrowes binds and oblessis thame to pay zeirlie to the said Master Alexander, for the space of tua zeirs following his entrie alanerlie, to the ministrie at the kirk in Campheir, quhilk shall be and begin the first day of Marche nixt to cum, in contentatioun of the said dewties the soum of aucht hundreth gudlings Fleams money zeirlie at foure termes in the zeir, beginning the first terms payment at the forsaid first day of Marche in this instant zeir of God ane thousand sex hundreth and fourtein; provyding allwayes if the said Master Alexander after his arryvall at the said toun of Campheir chuse rather to vplift the dewties forsaids be him selfe and his collectors than to accept of the said soum of aucht hundreth gudlings for the saids tua first zeirs after his arryvall zeirlie, and mak dew and laufull intimatione to the commissionars of burrowes at thair nixt generall conventione to be haldin at Kirkcaldie the fyft of Iulie nixt of the sam, than this last sett of the saids dewties made be him in maner abovewrittin to be null and of na effect, utherwayes to stand in the full force and strenth during the saids tua zeirs alanerlie. The quhilk stipend in maner and with the provisione above writtin the said Master Alexander hes acceptit, and in takin thairof hes with the commissionars above writtin subscryvit this present act day, moneth, and zeir above specifeit. A. McDUFF.

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The sam day, the saids commissionars ordeans the burgh of Edinburgh to cause defray the said Master Alexander Makduffe his chairges in his transportatione to the said toun of Campheir, and the sam to be repayit to thame of the rediest of the dewties collectit this last zeir for planting the said kirk at Campheir; and ordeans thame to direct letters with the said Maister Alexander to the magistrates of Campheir for reseaving of him, and to thair factors and all uthers whome they sall think neidfull.

Commissio. Edinburgh. Minister at Campheir.

Iohne Andersone, commissionar off Perthe
Iames Bell for Glasgow
D. Paterson for Sterling
Alexander Peirsoun commissioner for Edinburgh
W. Auchinlec for Dondy

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In the Generall Conventione of Burrowes, begun and haldin at the burgh of Kirkcaldie the fyft day of Iulie the zeir of God ane thousand sex hundreth and fourtein zeirs, Compirit the Commissionars of Burrowes underwrittin, and producit thair commissiouns as followis :—

EDINBURGH, David Aikinheid, George Foullis; Perth, Andro Conqueror, merchand; Dundie, William Auchinlek, baillie; Abirdein, George Nicolsone, baillie; Striviling, Iohne Shearer, dein of gild; Linlithgoe, Robert Ker; Santandrois, Robert Tailzeor, merchand; Glasgow, Thomas Pettigrew; Air, Iames Blair, merchand; Dysart, David Simsone baillie; Hadingtoun, Patrik Broun, baillie; Kirkcaldie, David Hutchesone and Thomas Lamb; Muntrose, Robert Betie; Cowper, David Andersone; Anstruther Eister, Robert Alexander; Dumfries, Iames Cunninghame, baillie; Inernes, Duncan Forbes; Bruntiland, Maister Andro Wilsone; Inerkithing, Herie Kinglassie baillie; Kinghorne, Iohne Kirkcaldie; Brichane, Iohne Noray; Irrwing, Robert Kylle; Elgyne, Maister Gaivin Douglas, baillie; Iedburgh, Robert Alensone; Kirkcudbright, Alexander Meikill; Wigtoun, (*blank*); Pitinweyne, William Stevinsone, baillie; Dumferling, Robert Aitkyne; Dumbartane, Thomas Fallisdaill, provest; Ramfrow, William Sommervell; Lanrik, be ratificatione producit be Linlithgoe; Abirbrothok, Maister David Persone; Peblis, Iohne Dickisone; Craill, Thomas Cunninghame baillie; Thayne, Iohnne Forester; Selkirk, George Wood; Anstruther Wester, Andro Melvyne; Culrose, Iames Primrose; Dumbar, Maister Iohne Achesone, provest; Bamff, Maister Alexander Craig; Quhithorne, (*blank*); Forfare, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Dundie; Rothesay, Alane Stewart; Forres, be ratificatione producit be Elgyne; Rutherglen, Alane Spens; Northberwick, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Hadingtoun; Culane, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Abirdein; Nairne, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Inernes; Lawder, Mark Sandersone baillie; Kilrenie, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Anstruther Eister; Annand, be exemptione and ratificatione

producit be Dumfreis; Lochmavin, (*blank*); Sancheir, be ratificatione producit be Dumfreis. KIRKCALDY, 5th July 1614.

1. The sam day, the commissionar of the burgh of Kirkcaldie verefeit the citatione of the burrowes to this present conventione. Citatioun.

2. The samyne day, the saids commissionars maks and constituts David Hutchesone merchand, first in commissione for the burgh of Kirkcaldie, moderator for this present conventione, quha acceptit the samyne and geve his aith *de fideli administratione.* Moderatour.

3. The sam day, the saids commissionars apoints their hours of meiting to be and begin daylie at aught hours in the morning quhill tuelfe hours, and after noone at tua hours quhill sex at nicht, and the persones absent at the calling of the rolls to pay ane unlay of sex schillings, and they that depairts furth of the house to pay ane unlay as said is, and sik as sall depairt fra this present conventione to pay ane unlay as absents; and that none speik unrequyrit or without licence askit and given, nor intermix thair ressoning with thair voting, for avoyding of confusione, under the pain of tua shillings unforgiven. Statute, meitting, speaking.

4. The same day, the commissionar of the burgh of Elgyne for verefeing of thair diligence agains Iames Richartsone thair alledgit burges, in putting him under cautione that he sould mak actuall residence within thair burgh, mentionet in the sevent act of the last generall conventione, producit ane testimoniall of thair burgh testifeing the said Iames to be ane actuall resident within thair said burgh, quhilk the saids commissionars acceptet for diligence; and anent thair diligence agains Andro Shand, unfrietredder, mentionat in the said act, thair said commissionar declairit that the said Androe had desistit from all tredding and vsurping of the liberties of the burrowes, the saids commissionars ordeanes the said burgh of Elgyne to produce ane testimoniall thairof the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive, under the paine of tuente punds. Elgyne. Missiue.

5. The same day, Maister Robert Winrahame, agent, for testefeing his diligence agains Iohne Hill in Govane, Robert Laud, Iames Galbraith in Grenok, and Robert Fennie, sumtyme burgessis of Ranfrow and depryvit be the said burgh for non residence within the samyne, mentionat in the fourteint act of the last generall conventione, declairit that the saids persons were chargit with letters of horning to desist from vsing the traid of merchandices, and that they had suspendit the saids letters: the saids Agent. Renfrow. Missiue.

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commissionars of burrowes ordeans thair said agent to caus call the said suspensione with all possibell diligence and to prosecut the said actione to the finall decisione thairof, and to report his diligence thairanent the nixt general conventione; and this to be ane heid of the next missive.

Kirkcudbricht Missiue.

6. The same day, anent the sextie nynt act of the last generall conventione haldin at the burgh of Dumbar, compirit Alexander Meikill commissionar for the burgh of Kirkcudbright, and producit ane renunceatione subscryvit be the haill possessors of the scairs of the lands callit the Over and Nether Borlands, oblissand thame that immediatlie after the expyring of seven zeirs nixt after the dait of the said act to remove thame selfes and thair tennents from the saids lands, and to renunce all right, clame of right, propertie, and possessione quhilks they or ather of thame had, hes, or could pretend thairto, lyk as they be the saids letters renuncis the samyne; and to demitt the saids lands in favors of the provest baillies counsall and communitie of the said burgh of Kirkcudbright and thair successors to be broukit be thame in all tyme thairafter, to the effect the said burgh may put the samyne to the utter availl; as the saids letters of renunciatione, of the daitt at Kirkcudbright the second day of Apryll the zeir of God 1614 zeirs, at mair lenth beirs. And the saids commissionars of burrowes having sein and considerit the saids letters of renunciatione, finds the samyne not to be subscryvit be Iames Macculloch ane of the possessors of ane part of the saids lands, and thairfor ordeans the said burgh of Kirkcudbright, with thair awin consent, to caus the said Iames Makculloch subscryve the said renunciatione, and thairafter to insert and registrat the samyne in the books of counsall *in futuram rej memoriam*, with executione mentionat thairin to follow thairvpon, and to produce ane extract thairof the nixt generall conventione under the pain of ane unlay of tuentie punds; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Perth. Chairge Agent.

7. The same day, anent the seventie fourt act of the last conventione haldin at Dumbar, the present commissionars of burrowes finds the burgh of Perth to have usit na diligence for producing in writt the compt of the employment of ane unlay of ane hundreth punds quhairin they wer unlayit for not electing thair provest conforme to the acts of parliament and burrowes, and remittit unto thame be the sam conventione with provisione to have bein bestowit be thame vpon the reparatione of thair bridge and have bein comptabell of the employment thairof the nixt conventione; and

thairfor ordeans the said unlay to stand, and ordeans thair agent to vplift the same and to be chairgit thairwith in his compts. KIRKCALDY, 5th July 1614.

8. The same day, anent the mater of the electione of the magistrats and counsall of the burgh of Perth, mentionat in the fiftie seven act of the last generall conventione haldin at the burgh of Dumbar, the present commissioners of burrowes finds the said burgh to have contravinit the acts of parliament and burrowes in electing my Lord Skune to be thair provest, and thairfor decerns the said burgh in ane unlay of fyve hundreth punds, and ordeans thair agent to vplift the samyne, and to be chairgit thairwith in his compts; and ordeans the said burgh to keip and observe the acts of parliament and burrowes in electing of thair magistrats in all tyme cumming, under the pane of fyve hundreth punds to be payit to the burrowes, and to report the next conventione in writt the maner and forme of thair electione to be vsit at Michelmes nixt to cum, and to be speciall in the maner and names of the persones, under the pain of fourtie punds. Attour the saids commissionars ordeans thair agent to raise letters vpon the saids acts and chairge the said burgh with the samyne, and to be present with thame at thair electione to sie the samyne proceid conforme to the saids acts, and to report his diligence thairanent the next generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Perth, missiue. charge agent.

9. The sam day, anent the 30 act of the last conventione generall at Dumbar, be the quhilk the said burgh was ordeanit to mak intimatione to the burghs of barronie on the cost syde of Fyfe for ballasting thair hering boats cumming to the tak of Dumbar with sand or poks of sand, Maister Johne Achesone commissionar and provest of the said burgh verefeit and declairit that thay had writtin to the saids burghs of barronie intimating unto thame the said act in dew time at the tak of hering in August last. Dunbar. Messours.

And anent the mater of the barrells of hering, balasting of bots, and measurs of hering, mentionat in the fyft act of the particular conventione haldin at Edinburgh in Julie 1611, the saids commissioners of burrowes ratefeis and approves the samyne and ordeans the samyne to be putt to farder executione, and in speciall that the balasting of the saids boatts be ether with sand or chingell in poks, and that the provest and baillies of Dumbar tak cair to sie the samyne observet at this approching tak of hering at thair burgh, and in tyme cumming. And anent the measures, thay ordean everie boatt in tyme of the tak of hering at Dumbar or ony Balesting. Messours.

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uther toun quhair it sall happin hering to be taken, to resaive at thair first entrie fra the burgh of Dumbar or burghs forsaid ane measure contining the nummer of twa hundreth grein hering, good and sufficient measures, market with the said touns mark, conforme to the said act, under the paine of ten punds to be payit to the said burghs; and to that effect ordeans the burgh of Dumbar in speciall to mak and have ane competent nummer of the saide measures, good and sufficient, with lugs, for serving of the saids bots, conforme to the said 30 act of the last generall conventione haldin at Dumbar in Julie 1613, under the paine of ane unlay of ane hundreth punds to be payit to the burrowes incaice they failzie, and to be ansuerabell thairfor the nixt generall conventione. And apoints and ordeans the burghs of Edinburgh, Sanctandrois, and Hadingtoun to send thair commissionars sufficientlie instructit to convein at Dumbar the fyft of August nixt to sie the acts of burrowes put to dew execution and for sieing good ordour kepit at the said tak of hering, and to mak thair report of thair diligence the nixt generall conventione, ilk burgh under the paine of ane unlay of twentie punds, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. And for defraying of the saids commissionars quha are apointit to remain fra the said day during the haill tyme of the tak of hering, agreis, consents, and ordeans that ane impost of sex shillings aught pennies be takin of ilk last of hering to be maid at Dumbar, provyding allwayes that if it sall happin the said tak of hering be gritt, les dewtie to be takin at the discretione of the saids thrie commisssionars; and this to indure to the nixt generall conventione alanerlie; with power to the saids thrie commissionars to apoint ane collector for ingathering of the said impost, ordeaning also the burgh of Dumbar to concure with the saids thrie commissioners in putting this act to executione.

Commissio, Edinburgh, Sanctandrois, Haddingtoun. Missiue.

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Agent. Brabner. Missiue.

10. The quhilk day, the commissionars of burrowes beand convenit, compirit Maister Robert Winrahame, agent, and declairit that for observing of the sext act of the last generall conventione haldin at Dumbar, concerning William Brabner burges of Montrose, depryvit and zitt vsurping the libertie, he had obtenit ane band of the said William for desisting, quhilk band

they ordeane thair agent to registrat in the books of counsell and put to executione agains him, and to insist farder conforme to the act of parliament with all rigour, and to be chairgit with the hundreth punds contenit in the said band, and to report his diligence heiranent the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. KIRKCALDY, 6th July 1614.

11. The sam day, finds the burgh of Abirdein to have done sufficient diligence agains Iames Toshe, Gilbert Fraser, and Andro Davidsone, sumtyme forstallers and vsurpers of the liberties of the burgh, and now admittit burgessis within thair burgh. Abirdeyne.

12. The sam day, compirit the commissionar of the burgh of Dumfreis and produsit mair exact diligence agains thair outland burgessis, in depryving of Iohn Rae elder in Hietae, Iohne Shitlintoun flesher, Thomas Fraser in Auldhoushill, Iohne Gask in Cummertries, Mathow Davidson thair, and William Furde in Blackshaw, and Iohn Drysdaill in Carlingrok, for not making thair residence within the said burgh; and ordains the said burgh to vse farder diligence agains the saids persones in causing of thame to desist from all forder tredding, and to report thair diligence thairanent the nixt generall conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Dunfreis. Missiue.

13. The sam day, anent the twentie act of the last generall conventione of burrowes haldin at Dumbar, be the quhilk it was ordeanit that the burgh of Glasgow sould produce ane mair formall decreit and executione anent the dischairging of thair non resident burgessis, compirit the commissionar of the said burgh of Glasgow and producit thair act of court in depryving of certane thair outland burgessis conforme to the said act, quhilk the present commissionars accepts for diligence for this tyme, and ordeans thame to vse farder diligence agains the saids persones depryvit in causing of them to desist from all farder tredding; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Glasgow. Missiue.

14. The sam day, finds the burghs of Kirkcudbright and Wigtoun to have done sufficient diligence in intimating unto thair nightbours the act of burrowes dischairging thame to by or sell at the mercats of Monigoofe. Kirkcudbricht.

15. The sam day, ordeans the burgh of Selkirk to bring to the nixt generall conventione the forme of the electing of thair magistrats at Michelmes last, 1613, to be sein and considerit be the saids commissioners as effeirs, under the paine of ane hundreth punds, and that at Selkirk. Missiue.

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Michelmes nixt to cum thai mak thair electione of thair magistrats and counsall conforme to the acts of parliament and burrowes, and to exhibite and produce in autentik writt the forme of thair proceeding, and to be speciall in the names of the electors and persones electit, to be considerit be the saids burrowes, under the pane of fyve hundreth merks; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Electioun of counsall and magistrats. Missiue.

16. The sam day, it is statut and ordeanit that the haill burrowes of this realme sall mak the electione of thair magistrats and counsall conforme to the acts of parliament and burrowes, ilk ane under the paine of fyve hundreth merks, and that ilk commissionar present mak intimatione of this present ordinance to thair burgh at thair returne; and that ilk burgh mak report in writt of the haill process of electione at Michelmes nixt to cum to the generall conventioun of burrowes to be sein and considerit [if] the samyne be done according to the saids acts of parliament and burrowes, under the pain of tuentie punds; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Customes, burgh fra burgh. Missiue.

17. The sam day, anent the customes to be takin burgh fra burgh at thair tounland portts, and table thairof, mentionat in the tuentie nyne act of the last conventione at Dumbar, continowis the samyne to the nixt generall conventione, and ordeans ilk burgh to send with thair commissionar to the said conventione ane autentik table of the saids customes; and sik burghs as vplifts na custome, and thairfor can have na table, ordeans that burgh to produce ane testimonial thairof subscryvit be thair provest and baillies or clerk, under the paine of tuentie punds ilk burgh; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Teynds of fysching in the Isles.

18. The same day, anent the teinds of the fishing of the Isles and tak thairof, mentionat in the fiftie four act of the last conventione at Dumbar, Maister Robert Winrahame, agent, producit the said tack subscryvit be the Bischope of the Isles, quhilk they ordean to remain in thair generall clerk's hands to the vse of the burrowes.

Campheir.

19. The samyn day, haveing red and considerit the acts maid of befor anent the staipell at Campheir, Consergerie hous, and planting of ane minister, and having hard the report maid be David Aikinheid, commissionar for the burgh of Edinburgh of the haill proceidings in the said mater since the last generall conventione, they ratefie and approve the samyne; and als the said David producit ane act of the conservatorie

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court haldin at Campheir in May last they ratefies and approves the samyne, and interpons thair authoritie thairto, and ordeans the samyne to be observit and kepit in tyme cumming as ane act of burrowes, and to that effect to be insert and registrat in thair conventione book as ane act thairof, quhairof the tenor followes:—Curia conservatoria nationes Scotie, tenta apud Campheir, quinto die mensis Maij anno dominj 1614, per Ioannem Wallace deputatum honorabilis virij domini Robertj Denninstoun de Montioy equitis auratj Conservatoris privelegiorum dicte nationis. Curia legittime affirmata. The quhilk day in presence of the depute forsaid and honest men of the natioun convenit for the tyme, Thomas Cunninghame, factor, collector apointit for the dewtie of the minister be the commissionars of burrowes producit ane act at Dunbar in the moneth of Iulie last by past shawing and declairing that he is meikill defraudit of the said dewtie be the merchands that sellis thair awin geir thame selffis and vses na factors to the selling thairof, quhilk beand red in presence of the said natioun, the depute forsaid with thair advyse and consent hes ordeanit and ordeans all merchands that sellis thair awin geir and vses not the help of factors, to give vp at thair first arryvall before boulk be brokin or onye ships lossit, the iust quantitie of thair geir, and to pay the haill dewtie thairof conforme to the ordinance sett doun thairanent; and quha ever hes not payit since the moneth of Marche in anno 1613 zeirs ordeans thame to pay the samyne to the said collector conforme to the act of burrowes and ordinance forsaid; and farder, for avoyding of all defraud of not deutifull payment of the dewtie sett doun and apointit be the saids burrowes, ordeans ilk burgh presentlie heir or that sall cum heirafter at thair first arryvall, to give vp the names of the haill merchands and passingers to the said collector with the particular quantitie of all goods and merchandices that they and ilk ane of thame sall have in the said ships, and of all maner of goods laidnit thairintill, to the effect the collector may resaive the iust dewte imposit thairvpon; and be thir presents dischairgis the maisters and skippers to laidin ony geir homward in the said ships into the tyme the collector of the said dewtie for the ministers pairt be payit thairof, as well for the merchands as for the skippers thame selfes and passingers, and that the samyne be broght be thame to the collector in his awin house, under the pane of ane unlay of tuentie shillings Fleames to be payit to the poor's box, *toties quoties.* Extractum de libro acto-

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rum curie dicte conservatorie, per me Nigellum Kae scribam eiusdem testantibus his meis. Signe et subscriptione manualibus. Et sic subscribitur. N. Kaa.

Precept agent. Kirkcaldy.

20. The sam day, ordeans Iames Winrahame, agent, to pay to (*blank,*) clerk of Kirkcaldie, the soum of tuentie punds for directing of the generall missive to this present conventione, quhair anent thir presents sall be ane warrand.

Statute, papists. Missiue.

21. The sam day, it was regraitit to the saids burrowes of the confluence of papeists from forane pairts, and that his maiestie hes made proclamations inhibiting the samyne, thairfor they ordean everie sie burgh to tak sic ordour with the maisters of thair ships that the saids maisters sall transport na passinger from hence to Flanders without ane testificatione of the passingers religione, under the ministers hand writt of the parochin quhair he duells; and the present commissionars to intimat this present act to thair burghs at thair home cumming and mak report thairof the nixt generall conventione, ilk burgh under the paine of tuentie punds; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Kirkaldy.

22. The sam day, anent the thesaurer compts of Kirkcaldie, mentionat in the thrie scor seven act of the last conventione generall haldin at Dumbar, the commissionar of the said burgh producit the said compts and being sein and considerit finds the samyne to be satisfeit.

Culros. Irewyne. Missiue.

23. The sam day, anent the mater of the imposts grantit to the burghs of Culrose and Irrwing, mentionat in the 76 and 77 acts of the last conventione haldin at Dumbar, ordeans both the saids burghs to exhibite and produce to the nixt conventione generall ane mair particular compt of thair resaitt of the said imposts and imployment thairof of the zeirs bygain, and to cum under the pain of tuentie punds ilk ane of thame, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Air contrair Wigtoun. Missiue.

24. The same day, anent the complent of the burgh of Air contrair Wigtoun for non depryving of Gilbert Mure their outland burges, mentionat in the 79 act of the last conventione at Dumbar, ordeans the said burgh of Wigtoun to produce the nixt generall conventione thair diligence in causing the said Gilbert to mak residence within thair burgh, or els in depryving him of his libertie, under the paine of ane hundreth punds to be payit to the burrowes; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

25. The sam day, anent the complents of Sanctandroes contrair the burghs of Craill, Anstruther Eister and Wester, Pitinweyme and Kilrenie, for the alledgit debaring of thame to pak and peill within liberties, ordeans the same to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

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Sanctandrois contrair Craill and Anstruther Eister and Wester. Missive.

26. The samyne day, ordeans the burgh of Abirbrothok to exhibit and produce the nixt generall conventione, ane particular compt autentik of thair resaitt and imployment of the voluntar contributione resaivit be thame and thair commissionar in thair name, under the pain of tua hundreth punds, and this to be ane heid of the next missive; and ordeans ilk burgh if they may apprehend the said David Auchterlony to put him in sur waird untill Abirbrothok resave him after thair hand vpon advertisement.

Arbroath Missiue.

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27. The quhilk day, anent the mater of the burghs of baronie, mentionat in the fiftie seven act of the last conventione haldin at Dumbar, and having hard the report of the burgh of Edinburgh, and of uther burrowes to quhom the cair of the said mater was committed; thairfor they ordeane thair agent, as of before, to caus chairge the unfrie touns and thair tredders to desist and cease from vsurping the libertie of the frie burrowes, and speciallie sik as hes not bein chairgit of before and ar not under proces with the burrowes, and to raise letters to that effect and to follow furth the samyne ey and quhill they suspend; and if occatione fall furth of ony meiting of the burrowes betuix and the nixt conventione they ordeane the burgh of Edinburgh to wrytt to the haill burrowes the estaitt of that matter and how necessar it is to be prosecute, and that meins be sett doun, ather be taxation or collectione, for obtening the decisione of the saids suspensiones in favours of the burrowes agains the said unfrie touns, and the said agent with the burgh of Edinburgh to report thair diligence the nixt conventione; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Burghs of barony. Agent. Missiue.

28. The sam day, anent the mater of the supplicatione of Maister William Scot of Elie, for support to the building and reparatione of his harberie of Elie, the saids commissionars finds the said work to tend grittumlie to the weill and commoditie of the haill merchands trafficquing and for the saftie of thair ships and goods, and also for respect of the favour and goodwill they beir towards the said Maister William, and for farder incuraging of

Scot, Elie, impost, aucorage.

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him to prosecute the said worke alreadie begune be him, they be thir presents agreis and consents that he sall impetrat of our Soverane Lord ane gift of the doubell of the impost and anchorage grantit of befor to the burgh of Bruntiland, to be takin of all ships and crears that sall aryve, lose or laid, within the said harberie as followes, and this gift to indure for the space of seven zeirs after the dait heirof, and after the expyring of the said seven zeirs to have and vplift of the single of the sam, with provisione also that the said worke gand fordward, utherwayes the said gift to expyre. Followes the said single anchorage, to be doublit as said is : videlicet, of ilk ship of thrie scor tune and above, for anchorage tuentie thrie shillings four pennies, of ilk ship of fourtie tun sextein shillings aucht pennies, of ilk ship of tuentie tun or above threttein shillings four pennies, and of ilk crear ten shillings ; and the said anchorage and impost to be vpliftit and tane of all veschells arryvand within the said harberie, whether they lose or nocht.

Speir. Compts. Missiue.

29. The sam day, anent the compts of Iames Speir, merchand, of the impost grantit for defraying of the commissionars chairges that past to Campheir, mentionat in the fiftie nyne act of the last generall conventione at Dumbar, the said commissionars having seine and hard the compts of the said Iames of this zeirs intromissione, quhilk is fra the (*blank*) day of Iulie 1613 inclusive to the (*blank*) day of (*blank*) instant exclusive, they find the said zeirs intromissione to extend to the soum of ane hundreth fourscor seventein punds aucht shillings Fleams monye, quhilk is to be deducit of the soum of nine hundreth fiftie aucht punds four shillings Fleams, addebtit be the burrowes to him since his last compts ; and sua find the saids burrowes to be restand awand as zitt the soum of seven hundreth thriescor punds sextein shillings Fleams, for payment quhairot they ordeane the said Iames to continowe in vplifting the said impost conforme to the acts maid thairvpon of befor, and the said Iames to cause his collector in Flander present his compts to the Conservator or his deputes at Campheir and mak faith that the samyne ar treulie given up and nathing omitted furth of the samyne, conform to the said fiftie nyne act, and thairafter to present his compts to the nixt generall conventione of burrowes, with the doubell of his haill compts since his first intromissione with the said impost, to be keipit be the burrowes ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Speir, compts. Missiue.

30. The sam day, anent the impost in France collectit be William Speir, merchand, for refounding to him of the soumes debursit be him to William

Nisbet for his chairges in passing to France for obtening the ratificatione of the priviledges of the natioun, mentionat in the seventie act of the last generall conventione haldin at Dumbar, compirit the said William and producit his compts of this zears intromissione with the said impost collectit be his deputes in Normandie from the nynt of Iulie 1613 inclusive to the (*blank*) day of Iulie instant exclusive, quhilk beand hard and considerit be the present commissionars, they find his zeirs intromissione to extend to the soum of fyve hundreth tuentie fyve franks aucht sous and thrie dinniers Frenche money, quhilk is to be deducit of the soum of tua thousand ane hundreth threttie aucht franks aucht sous quhilk was restand awand be the burrowes to him at the futting of his last compts, unto the quhilk soum thair is continit the soum of a thousand thriescor aucht franks fyvtein sous ten dinneirs, and the soum of aucht hundreth thriescor fyvetein pund thirtein shillings four pennies Scots money, and sua comptand the Scots money at tuentie shillings the frank both the saids tua soumes extends in Frenche money to the said soum tua thousand ane hundreth thirtie aucht franks aucht sous, sua the saids burrowes are restand awand to the said William the soum ane thousand sex hundreth thirtein franks nyne sous nyne dinneirs, quhilk is in compleit payment of both the Frenche money and Scots, and all profeit and uther deuties addettit to him befor the said (*blank*) day of Iulie instant 1614; and thairfor ordeans the said William to continowe in vplifting the said impost conforme to the acts maid thairvpon of before, and to present his compts to the nixt generall conventione, togither with the doubell of his haill compts since his first intromissione with the said impost, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

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31. The sam day, the saids commissionars of burrowes, understanding that thair is ane gritt nummer of merchands trafficquers in France quha at thair out cumming from Normandie enters thair gudes to be transportit to Scotland, and notwithstanding transports thair saids goods to uther forain parts, to the indangering and perrilling of the haill priviledges liberties and immunities grantit to the natioun in the said countrey of Normandie; thairfor they, for repressing of siklyk inormities in tyme cumming, and for eshewing the said danger, hes dischairgit and be tenor of this present act dischairges all maner of sik fraudful dealing in tyme cumming, and ordeans the persone contravinar of this present act to incure ane unlay of ane hundreth punds to be payit to the burrowis, and the burgh quhairof the

Statute, merchants, Normandie. Missive.

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said persone is induellare to vplift the samyne vpon complent maid first to the generall conventione; and ilk commissionar to extract this present act and intimat the samyne to his burgh at his hom cumming, and ilk burgh to report thair diligence in intimating of this act to thair nightbours that nane pretend ignorance, under the paine of tuentie punds, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. And siklyk, understanding that thair are certane nichtbours that transports thair goods from Normandie, uncustomit, in defraud of the payment of the impost grantit and ordeanit be the burrowes to be vpliftit for defraying of thair commissionar his chairges that past to France for ratefeing thair liberties, and siklyke understanding that thair ar certane uther merchands quha laids thair geir in Rowane in tyme of frie faires, at the quhilk tyme they ar exemit from all payment of custome in France, and thairby refuses to pay the impost grantit for the caussis forsaid; for remeid quhairof the present burrowes ordeans that all goods quhatsumever laidnit or transportit furth of Normandie, uncustomit, or in tyme of frie fairs, sall pay as meikill as if they had not bein laidnit in tyme of the saids frie fairs or customit, quhilk extends to fyvetein souse ilk hundreth franks wairing, and they to declare the treu quantitie of thair waring, and if they refuse to pay the sam in France to pay the double thairof in Scotland, and incaice they have contravinit since the act maid at Abirbrothok they sall be haldin to pay conforme as is above writtin.

Perth. Missiue.

32. The sam day, anent the tuentie tua act of the last conventione, anent the causing of the burgh of Perth chairge the inhabitants of Clakmannan to desist fra vsing the traid of merchandice, ordeans the said burgh to vse farder diligence agains William Andersone, induellar thair, as also to caus chairge the remanent inhabitants thairof to desist as said is, and to produce thair diligence heir anent the nixt generall conventione, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Innerkething, impost.

33. The sam day, grants licence to the burgh of Inerkithing to impetrat of our soveran lord the gift of ane anchorage and impost for reparatione of thair harberie, conforme to the gift grantit to Brunteland, and to indure for the space of v zeirs, provyding allwayes they imploy the samyne vpon thair harberie, and mak compt thairof to the burrowes at the expyring of the saids fyve zeirs.

Glasgow, impost.

33. The sam day, grants and gives licence to the burgh of Glasgow to impetrat of our soveran lord ane gift for taking of four pennies of ilk laid

herring cumming alangs thair bridge pertening to unfriemen, by [and] attour the four pennies quhilk they had of befor, to be imployit vpone the reparatione of thair said bridge, and this to indure for the space of fyve zeirs, provyding allwayes they be comptabell thairof to the burrowes at the expyring thairof. KIRKCALDY, 7th July 1614.

34. The sam day, grants and gives licence to the burgh of Elgyne to abyde and remain fra all generall conventiones of burrowes, provyding allwayes the samyne be not extendit to parliament, nor quhair the said burgh ar citat for onye particular cause, and also provyding the said burgh send with thair nixt adiacent burgh thair ratificatione and approbatione autentiklie subscryvit of all things to be done zeirlie in the said conventions at ilk generall conventione, with all soumes that they sould pay to the burrowes conforme to the missive, and that they bestow the expenses that they sould have bestowit vpon thair commissionars vpon commoun workes and to be comptabell thairof to the burrowes, and this exemptione to indure for the space of fyve zeirs; and siklyk grants licence to the said burgh to impetrat of our soverane lord the gift of ane anchorage for reparatione of thair harberie conforme to the gift grantit to Brunteland, and to indure for the said space of fyve zeirs, vpon compt to be maid to the burrowes at the expyring of the saids zeirs. Exemptio, Elgyne.

35. The sam day, anent the supplicatione given in and subscryvit be Andro Conquerer, commissionar of Perth, desyrand the unlayes quhair in they wer adiudgit for transgressing the acts of parliament to be remitit, as the [7 and 8] acts of this present conventione beirs, the saids commissionars for the caussis contenit in the said supplicatione continowis the vplifting of the saids unlayes to the feast of Mairtimes nixt to cum, and if at thair nixt electione they observe and keip the acts of parliament and burrowes, continouis the saids unlayes to the nixt generall conventione, and if they doe in the contrair decerns thame with consent of thair commissionar to incure the doubell of the said unlay. Perth, magistrats, chairge agent.

36. The sam day, anent the supplicatione given in be Robert Alexander, commissionar of Anstruther Eister, desyring the burrowes to refound to thame the soum of four hundreth punds debursit be thame in obtening ane decreit absolviter befor the Lords of Secreit Counsall agains Capitane Maisone, for exacting of thame certane excyse hering and fishes at the fishing in Orknay and Zetland, as the said decreit producit to this present conventione beirs, and als creaveand ane support for reparatione of thair Supplicatio. Anstruther Eister. Missiue.

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decayit port and harberie, the saids commissionars of burrowes continowis thair ansuer to the nixt conventione, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Corstorphein, Greirsoun, Campheir.

37. The samyne day, at the supplicatione and desyre of Iohne Corstorphine, resident within the toun of Campheir in Zeland, ordeans ane letter missive to be direct in thair names to the said toun in his favours, that he may have beir and wyne excyse frie for his awin familie, as the rest of the factors hes; as lykwayes ane letter to be direct to Neill Kae maister of thair consergerie house complenning that the said house is not sufficientle furnisit for serving of the haill merchands and marinels, quhairby they will be compellit to provyde ane uther house if he provyde not remeid thairfor in tyme; as lykwayes ordeanes lyke letters to be direct in thair name in favour of Iohne Greirsone factor in Campheir that he may have wyne and beir excyse frie for his awin familie, as the rest of the factors hes.

Findare.

38. The sam day, for payment to Thomas Findare, thair post, of the soum of tuentie punds grantit in pensione to him for the zeir 1613, they assigne and dispones to the said Thomas the unlay of tuentie punds quhilk the burgh of Iedburgh incurrit for absence fra the conventione haldin at Abirbrothok 1612, and ordeans the said burgh to mak him payment thairof.

Weir, pewderers, statute, Missiue.

39. The sam day, the saids commissionars of burrowes beand convenit, compirit Thomas Weir, peuderer, deacone of the hammermen within the burgh of Edinburgh, and geve in his supplicatione for him selfe and in name and behalfe of the peuderers, freemen and burgessis of the said burgh, declairing the gritt hurt and damnage sustenit be our soverane lord his leges in tyme by past thruch the insufficiencie of the tyne veshell maid be the peuderers, induellars in the frie burrowes of this realme, and the gritt blott, infamie, and slander sustenit be the natioun thairthrow, and thairfor desyrand thair wisdomes to ponder and wey the detriments inshewing thairby and to establishe sum ordour and lawe for repressing thairof thruch the haill burrowes of this realme in tyme cumming, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said supplicatione; quhilk supplicatione the saids burrowes having sein, red and considerit, and ryplie advysit with the haill articles thairof, and understanding the gritt decett and fraud vsit in the said peuder veshell, thruch the insufficiencie of the tyn maid be the saids peuderers, quhairthrow the haill or at the leist the maist part of the said

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tyne veshell was altogider insufficient and maid of leid or els ane littell tyne mixed with leid, and also having considerit the same to tend grittumlie to the hurt, inorme, and lesione of his maiesties haill lieges, and to carie with it not onlie the private domage of ilk particular person, bot also ane blott and infamie to the haill natioun, and restrent of all trafficque and comerce of uther strangers resortand to thame: thairfoir the saids burrowes for repressing heirof, and for vindicating thair natioun from the said infamie of fraudfull and decetfull dealing in thair tred and comerce, hes statute and ordeanit, lyk as they be the tenor of this thair present act statuts and ordeans, that na kynde of tyne veshell be maid bot of good and sufficient stufe, to be examinat, tryit, and seyit in maner following, that is to say, everie peuder maker within the frie burrowes of this realme sall sey the tyne veshell maid be uthers, ether in thair houssis, buithes, or opin mercats, be tuiching thairof with ane hoatt yrne, and if it casts ane cleir sey after the tuiching the same with the said hoatt yrne, to be admitted repute, and haldin as sufficient stuff; and in caice anye tyn veshell beis fund within the saids burghs in any mans possessione pertening to the peuderers or uther sellers of peuder fra this furth, nocht beand of the fynes forsaid, the samyne to be brokin doun and confiscat, and the burgh quhairin the maker or seller thairof dois remain to punishe them be exacting from them the soum of ten punds monye for ilk peece of work that it sall happin thame to mak insufficient, to be applyit as followes, videlicet, fyve mark thairof to the apprehendar of the said veshell, fyve mark to the commoun good of the burgh quhairin it sall happin to be apprendit, and fyve marks to the pure; and incaice they refuse to pay the said unlay, ordeans the said burgh to pund thair goods be thair officers or putt thair bodies in sure waird, thairin to remain ay and quhill they pay the said ten punds of unlay to be applyit as said is; and incaice questione or discorde micht aryse amongs the peudermakers thame selfes within anye burgh anent the trying and marking of the said veshell, ordeans the said Thomas Weir to delyver to ilk burgh ane assay of tyne markit with the towns mark of Edinburgh (if he be requyrit thairto be thame) to be keipit be the saids burghs, and according thairto in tyme heirafter the haill tyne veshells to be maid within the saids burghs to be of the fynes thairof and rather better, and ilk peuderer to put thair stamp thairon that he intends to vse all the tyme of his lyfe, quhilk stamp sall beir the mark of thair toun togither with the

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zeir of God of the making of the said stamp; and for this purpose it is statute and ordeanit that everie burgh sall cause thair haill peuderers brek thair auld stamps and mak new stamps quhairwith they and ilk ane of thame sall stamp the tyne veshell of thair awin making, and nane to be maid in tyme cumming bot to be stampit with thair said new stamps, and that na burgh suffer in tyme cumming anye tyne veshell to be maid with in thair burgh bot markit of the fynes forsaid under the pains above writtin; and ordeans ilk burgh to extract this present act and mak intimatioun thairof to thair burrowes at thair home cumming, to the effect the samyne may be publisit that nane pretend ignorance thairof, and ilk burgh remise and negligent in publicating thairof to incure the penultie of ten marks, and to produce thair diligence heir anent the nixt generall conventione under the lyk penultie; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

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Kirkcaldy, magistrats. Missiue.

40. The quhilk day, anent the complent given in be the nichtbours of Kirkcaldie, concerning the electione of thair magistrats, the misgovernament of thair burgh, and of spending thair commoun good, the commissionars of burrowes hes thocht meit for keiping of all good ordore in tyme cumming, and eschewing of evell example, that the burgh of Kirkcaldie sall bring with thame to the nixt generall conventione the particular compt of thair chairge and dischairge of thair commoun gude, to be controllit be thame and how they put thair commoun gude to profeit, togither with the forme of the electione of thair magistrats and counsall observit and keipit be thame at Michelmes last and to be keipit at Michelmes nixt to cum, to be sein and considerit be the saids burrowes, that the samyne proceids conforme to the acts of parliament and burrowes, and finds and ordeans that onlie the thesaurer of the said burgh sall intromit with the commoun good thairof, and to send with thair commissionar the zeirlie acts and statuts of the said burgh to the nixt generall conventione, and the premissis to be observit be the said burgh under the pain of ane hundreth punds, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Commissio, burrowes greivis

41. The samyne day, gives power and commissione to the commissionars of the burghs of Edinburgh, Dundie, Abirdein, Linlithgoe, Dumbar, Air,

Dumbartane, Glasgow, at thair going to Edinburgh after the dissolving of this present conventione, to caus pen ane supplicatione to be direct to his maiestie anent quhatsumever greives the saids burghs susteins, and to do all things neidfull that may tend to the weill of the burrowes. KIRKCALDY, 8th July 1614.

42. The samyne day, ordeans Iames Winrahame, thair agent, to caus call the letters anent the compts of Dumbartane, and to get thame remittit bak again to the burrowes, conforme to the act of parliament, vpon the expenses allwayes of Iohne Semple and Thomas Fallisdaill collectors of the taxatione, alanerlie; and the expenses to be debursit thairvpon to be allowit to thame in thair compts, and this to beane heid of the nixt missive. Dumbartane, compts, agent. Missiue.

43. The samyn day, anent the supplicatione gevin in be Thomas Tailzeor, baxter, and Alexander Huttone, skinnar, burgessis of the burgh of Strivling, for thame selfis and in name of the crafts of the said burgh, contening thair particular greives sustenit be thame, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said supplicatione, the saids commissionars of burrowes having red and considerit the samyn they desyr Iohne Sherer, present commissionar of the said burgh, to be ane good instrument and midsman betuix thame and the gildbrether of the sam, and to put tham to ane ease so far as they may of right, and the said burgh to report thair proceedings and the estait of the said mater to the nixt generall conventione, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Stirling, crafts. Missiue.

44. The samin day understanding that umquhill Iohne Lokart of Bar, commissionar for the burgh of Air, and umquhill William Goldman for Dundie, was appointit be the tuentie act of the particular conventione haldin at Edinburgh the first day of August 1612, to convein at the said burgh of Edinburgh, for the mater of the king's gritt customes and book of raits vpon the expenses of the burrowis, and finding thair expenses to extend to the soum of thriescor punds, quhilk the saids burrowes finds sould be payit, and thairfor ordeans ilk burgh to bring thair pairt of the said soum conforme to the extent roll, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Lokkart, Goldman. Missiue.

45. The sam day, anent the provisione grantit to Maister Patrik Hammiltone, agent at court, and payment thairof, mentionat in the thirtie sex act of the last conventione haldin at Dumbar, the commissionars of burrowes finds the burghs of Perth, Iedburgh, Pitinweyme, Ramfrow, Lainrik, Quhit- Hammiltoun, agent, chairge. Missiue.

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horne, Culane, Nairne, Lochmavin, to be restand awand to the said Maister Patrik thair pairts of his bygain pensione, quhilk bygains extends to the soum of ane hundreth punds and fiftie, quhilk they sould have payit at this present conventione, and hes not done the samyn, and thairfor decerns thame and ilk ane of thame in ane unlay of fourtie punds to be payit to the burrowes conforme to the said act, and ordeans thair agent to vplift the samyn and to be chairgit thairwith in his compts; provyding allwayes that incaice the saids burrowes pay thair pairts of the said soum to the agent betuix and this day aucht dayes they to be frie of the said unlawes, and incaice they pay not the samyne the day forsaid, thair agent to vplift the said unlayes as said is; and the said burrowes quha hes not payit thair pairt of the said principall soum to send the samyne with thair commissionars to the nixt generall conventione, under the pain forsaid; and siklyk ordeans the haill burghs to bring and produce with thame the nixt generall conventione his zeirlie stipend, extending to the soum of ane hundreth punds stirling, ilk burgh for thair awin pairt under the pain of fourtie punds ilk burgh, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Agent, chairge, compts, Missiue.

46. The sam day, anent the payment to Iames Winrahame, agent, of his haill debursments, mentionat in the sexty ane act of the last generall conventione of burrowes halden at Dumbar, the commissionars of burrowes finds the burghs of Perth, Iedburgh, Pitinweyme, Ramfrow, Lainrik, Quhithorne, Culane, Nairne, and Lochmavin, to be restand awand to the said Iames thair pairt of his said debursments, quhilk debursments extends *in toto* to the soum of ane thousand and fiftie punds, and thairfor decerns thame and ilk ane of thame in ane unlay of tuentie punds conforme to the said act, provyding allwayes incaice the saids burrowes sall pay thair said pairt of the said soum betuix and this day aucht dayes they to be frie of the said unlay, and failzeing thairof the said penultie to be vpliftit of them by and attour the payment of thair pairt of the said principall soum be the said agent, and he to be chairgit thairwith in his compts; and the saids burghs to bring and produce thair pairt of the said thousand and fiftie punds the nixt generall conventione, ilk burgh under the pain of ane unlay of tuentie punds, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Edinburgh, Commissio to Londoun. Chairge agent. Missiue.

47. The sam day, anent the payment of the impost to the burgh of Edinburgh, grantit for the expenses of the commissionars directit to England for the mater of the customes and book of raits, mentionat in the

thirtie fyve act of the last conventione haldin at Dumbar, be the quhilk ilk burgh having ane sie port is ordeanit to collect the said impost and to mak compt of thair resait to the said burgh of Edinburgh zeirlie under the paines contenit in the said act, the commissionars of burrowes finds the burghs of Perth, Dundie, Glasgow, Irrwine, Wigtoun, Pitinweyme, Dumbartane, Bruntiland, Culrose, Northberwick, nether to have made compt nor payment of thair pairt of the impost to the said burgh, and thairfor decerns thame and ilk ane of thame in ane unlay of tuentie punds to be payet to the agent in name of the burrowes, and he to be chairgit thairwith in his compts, provyding allwayes that if the said burghs sall mak payment to the said burgh of Edinburgh of thair pairts forsaid of the said impost fra September 1612 to September 1614 and that betuix and Mairtimes nixt to cum, in that caice the saids burghs to be frie of the said unlay; and ordeans ilk burgh having ane sie port to send with thair commissionar to the nixt generall conventione ane perfyte compt and payment of the rest of the said impost fra September 1612 to the first of Iulie 1615, and the said compt to be autentiklie subscryvit be the commoun clerk or baillies of thair burgh, togither with an testificatione of thair collectors aith of the treuth of the veritie of the saids compts, ilk burgh under the paine of fourtie punds by and attour the principall soum restand awand; and that ilk commissionar of ane burgh having ane sie port mak intimatione of this present act to thair burgh at thair home cumming that they pretend no ignorance heirof, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

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48. The sam day, decerns the burghs of Lanrik, Culane, Nairne, Lochmavin, every ane of thame in ane unlay of tuentie punds for not payment making of the clerk and agent feyes, and ordeans thair agent to vplift the samyne and to be chairgit thairwith in his compts.

Burrowes unlawet, chairge agent.

49. The sam day, grants and gives licence to the burgh of Thain, Inernes, Irrwine, Rothesay, Kilrenie, Anstruther Wester, Lawder, to abyd and remain fra all general conventions of burrowes for the space of thrie zeirs, provyding allwayes that the samyne be not extendit to parliaments nor quhair onye of the saids burghs ar citat for onye particular cause, and also provyding that the saids burghs send with thair nixt adiacent burghs thair ratificationes and approbations autentiklie subscryvit of all things to be done zeirlie in the said conventione during the saids zeirs, at ilk generall conventione, with all soumes that they sould pay to the burrowes conforme to

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the missive, and that they bestow the expenses that they sould have payit vpon thair commissionars vpon common works and to be comptabell thairof to the burrowes at the expyring of the said zeirs.

Edinburgh. Rutherglen.

50. The sam day, desyrs the burgh of Edinburgh to concure and assist the burgh of Rutherglen, be thame selfes and thair assessors, in persut or defence of thair actiones before the Lords of Sessione, and in speciall in the actione depending betuix thame and Sir Robert Hammiltone of Greinleis, anent certane thair commoun lands.

Kirkcaldy, Greivis. Commissio.

52. The sam day, ordeans the greives of the nichtboors of Kirkcaldie sustenit be thame in the touns of Hull, Lin, Boustein, Yarmouth, and uther touns in England, be caussing thame to pay doubell and triple officers fies and entressis in thair custome housses, farder than they payit at London of befor, to be writtin vp to the burrowes agent at court, as farder information sall be given be the said burgh of Kirkcaldie, desyrand him to help for redres thairof sua far as he may.

Elgyne. Missiue.

52. The sam day, ordeans at the desyre of the commissionar for the burgh of Elgyne that the burghs of Forres, Innernes, sall direct thair commissionars to the said burgh of Elgyne to give thame thair best advyse for removing of thair croce to the maist publik place of the said burgh, and to desyre them to repair thair calsayes, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Forrett. Missiue.

53. The sam day, anent the third act of the particular conventione haldin at Edinburgh in Iulie last 1613, concerning the impost grantit to Andro Forret burges of Sanctandrois, mentionat in the said act, ordeans the said Andro to be chairgit to prosecute the contents of the said act, and to compeir the nixt generall conventione, and to produce his compts the said conventione of his intromissione with the said impost, and thairafter the said Andro comperand personallie they ordean him to observe the former act as said is, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Certane burrowes vnlaws remittet.

54. The sam day. anent the nynt act of the generall conventone haldin at Edinburgh the fyfteint day of September last, be the quhilk the burghs of Abirdein, Dumfries, Brichane, Irruine, Kirkcudbright, Pitinweyme, Ramfrow, Lainrek, Abirbrothok, Peblis, Craill, Culrose, Lawder, Dundie, and Northberwick, war unlawit in ane unlay of fourtie punds ilk ane for absence fra the said conventione, the saids commissioners of burrowes after mair exact tryell tain in the said mater, finds the saids burghs wer not

wairnit under ane unlay, and thairfor and for uther divers causes they remitt and dischairges the said unlawes. KIRKCALDY, 8th July 1614.

55. The sam day, anent the supplicatione given in be the burgh of Haddingtoun, craving support to thair harberie of Aberledie, becaus the saids commissionars are not cum instructit in the said mater, thairfor the ordeane ilk burgh to send thair commissionar sufficientlie instructit to give ansuer thairto the nixt generall conventione, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Haddingtoun, support. Missiue.

56. The sam day, anent the supplicatione of the burghs of Perth, Dundie, Montrose, Brichane, craving support to the reparatione of the bridge of Dye, continowes thair ansuer to the nixt generall conventione, and ordeans ilk burgh to cum sufficientlie instructit to ansuer thairto to the said nixt conventione, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Perth, Dundie, Montrose, Brechin. Support. Missiue.

57. The sam day, anent the complent given in be the burghs of Dumbartane and Kirkcaldy, contrair the burgh of Perth, for exacting ane certane dewtie of postsilver fra thair nightbours cumming vpon hyrit hors to thair toun, ordeans the said burgh to send thair commissionar sufficientlie instructit to ansuer to the said complent, with certificatione the burrowes will proceed as effeirs, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive, and dischairges the same in the meantyme. Dumbartane, Kirkcaldy, contrair Perth. Missiue.

58. The sam day, ordeans thair agent to chairge Iohne Strachauchin, William Rose, Iames Sibbald, William Dishingtoun and Walter Reid in Leven, to desist and seis fra vsurping of the liberties of the frie burrowes, or els to find cautione to mak them selfis frie burgessis, and to produce his diligence heiranent the nixt conventione, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Agent. Certane vnfriemen. Missiue.

59. The sam day, ordeans the burgh of Edinburgh to concure and assist the burgh of Ramfrow in the defence of the actione and caus persewit be George Muirheid agains thame, as they sall be requyrit. Edinburgh. Renfrow.

60. The sam day, finds the burgh of Dumbartane to have done diligence anent the chairge given to tham be the agent for making thair hering barrells conform to the iadge of Leyth, and ordeans the burgh of Edinburgh to try how many gallons ilk barrell sould contein, and Edinburgh to report thair diligence heir anent the nixt conventione, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Dumbartane. Hering barrells. Edinburgh. Missiue.

61. The sam day, ordeans the burgh of Iedburgh, with consent of thair Fyndar. Jedburgh.

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present commissionar, to pay to Thomas Findar, post, the soum of fourtie marks betuix and the last day of Iulie instant, provyding allwayes that incaice he pay to him the soum of tuentie marks betuix and the sextein day of the said moneth, they to be frie of the said soum of fourtie marks, and na utherwayes.

Certane burrowes. Nesbet. Support of Irewyne. Missive.

62. The sam day, ordeans the burghs of Cowper, Monrose, Inernes, Elgyne, Rothesay, Forres, Culane, Nairne, Lawder, to bring with thame thair pairts of the soum of fyve hundreth thrie scor merks grantit to the burgh of Irrwine in support of thair actions, together with the soum of tuentie punds ilk ane of thame quhairin they wer adiudgit for not paymenf of thair pairt of the said soume, at the conventione at Selkirk haldin in anno 1608, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Offices at Campheir, and reider thair.

63. The sam day, anent the mater of the planting of the kirk of the natioun at Campheir, finds it maist necessar that ane sufficient and qualefeit persone be apointit to be ane reider at the said kirk, quha sall lykwayes be ane officer thair, to assist the collector of the ministers stipends, and to be subiect to awaitt vpon all uthers the burrowes effers tending to the weill of the natioun, and gifs power and commissione to the burgh of Edinburgh to elect and cheise the said officer and to give him his iniunctions, and agrie with him in sik forme and maner as they sall think gude; attour they ordean thair generall clerk, be advyse of the burgh of Edinburgh, to writt in thair name ane ansuer to the letters last reseavit fra the toun of Campheir, and conservator depute and collector of the ministers stipend, as also anent the plantatione of the said officer, and of all uther maters that sall occure betuix and the nixt conventione tending to the weill of the natioun; and as to the said officers stipend thai apoint that he sall have in zeirlie stipend the soum of tua hundreth gudlins to be payit to him as followes, to witt, the ane halfe thairof be the excressence and overcum of the ministers stipend, and the uther halfe be my lord conservator, for the quhilk the said officer sall ingather to the said conservator his dewties, and the said conservator, beand present, consentit thairto induring his good service; and in caice his lordship find anye fault with his service that he sall acquaint the generall conventione thairwith, quha sall tak order with the said officer to his lordships contentment that they may chuse ane uther at thair conventione. SIR R. DENISTON, Consr.

Bamff. Missive.

64. The sam day, anent the supplicatione gevin in be the commissionar

of the burgh of Bamff for support to the reparatione of thair heavin and herberie, continuis thair ansuer to the nixt general conventione, and ordeans to be ane heid of the nixt missive. KIRKCALDY, 8th July, 1614.

65. The samyn day, the saids commissionars dissolves this present conventione, and affixes thair nixt generall conventione to be and begin at the burgh of Sanctandrois the fourt day of Iulie nixt to cum, the zeir of God 1615 zeirs. Nixt conventioun. Sanctandrois.

Mr. Alexr. Craige
Allane Spens for Ruglen
Robert Tailzour, Sanctandrois
Thomas Pettigrew
Iames Blair for Air
Patrik Broune
Thomas Lamb
Robert Betye
D. Andersone for Cuper
Robert Alexander for Anstruther Eister
Duncan Forbes for Invarnes
An. Wilsone
Mr G. Douglass for Ilgeyne
Robert Alensone for Iedburgh
Thomas Fallasdaill for Dumbartane
W. Somervell
Mr Da. Parsone for Arbroth
Ihone Dikesoune
Ge. Woode
Mark Sandersone, bailyie
I. Forester for Tayne

Dauid Huchon, moderator
D. Aikinheid for Edinburgh
George Foulis for Edinburgh
Androw Conquerour, Perth
W. Auchinlec for Dondy
George Nicolsone, Aberdein
Iohn Scherar for Stirling
Ro. Ker for Linlythgo
Dauid Symsone for Dysart
Iames Cunynghame for Dumfreis

Haric Kynglassie
Iohne Kirkcaldie for Kingorne
I. Noray for Brichin
Robert Kyle for Irawin
Alexander Makill for Kirkcudbricht
Patk. Edzer, Wigtoun
William Stevinsoun
Rot. Aitkine, Dumfernling
Thomas Cunyngham for Craill
Andro Meluill
Iames Prymrois.

EDINBURGH, 13th July 1614.

In the Particular Conventione of Burrowes, haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the threttein day of Iulie ane thousand sex hundreth and fourtein zeirs, be the Commissionars of Burrowes underwrittin, be vertewe of ane commissione given to thame be the last generall conventione haldin at the burgh of Kirkcaldie in Iulie instant.

EDINBURGH, David Aikinheid, George Foulls; Dundie, William Auchinleck; Abirdein, George Nicolsone; Air, Iames Blair; Linlithgoe, (*blank*); Dumbartane, Thomas Fallisdaill; Glasgow, Thomas Pittigrew; Dumbar, (*blank*); Irrwine, Robert Kylle; Elgyne, Maister Gawin Douglass; Kirkcaldie, Thomas Lamb.

The quhilk day the saids commissionars beand convenit anent the fourtie ane act of the last conventione, giving power and commissione to the burrowes above writtin to meitt at Edinburgh for penning ane supplicatione to be direct to his Maiestie anent quhatsumever greives the saids burrowes susteins, and finding that they ar heavilie grievit be the act of Counsall and proclamatione thairof for exacting ane impost of all victuale importit within this realme: for redres quhairof the saids commissionars meanit thame selfes to the Lords of Secreitt Counsall be giving in thair supplicatione to thame, quhilk beand red and they incallit the saids Lords of Secreit Counsall declairit that the said impost was onlie to indure to Michelmes nixt to cum and that the samyne hitherto hes takin na effect, and that they ar not of intentione to vplift the samyne; for the quhilk caussis the saids commissionars of burrowes hes thoght good to continowe the sending vp of thair supplicatione to his Maiestie anent the said mater, and incaice ther occure anye thing farder anent the said impost desyrs the burgh of Edinburgh to adverteis the remanent burrowes thairof.

Rex. impost vpoun forayne victuall.

Thomas Pettegrew	D. Aikinheid
Iames Blair for Ayr	George Foulis
Robert Kyle for Irrwin	W. Auchinlec
Thomas Fallisdaill for Dumbartane	George Nicolsone
Mr G. Douglass for Ilgeyne	Thomas Lamb.

The Iniunctiounes sett doun be the burgh of Edinburgh to Thomas Ewing, apointit to be Reidar and Officer at Campheir, according to the directioun gevin to thame be the last generall conventioun of borrowis haldin at Kirkcaldie in the moneth of Iulij last j^{m} vj^{c} and fourtene zeires.

Iniunctiouns to Ewyne, redar and officiar at Campheir.

1. Imprimus, that he sall reid in the kirk and tak vp the psalme and serue the kirk and minister and elderis and deacones in all thinges belonging to the office of ane reidar, as they sall injoyne to him.

2. Item, that he sall keip ane autentik sessioun buik, quhairin salbe insert all the acts concludit in sessioun, and sall keip compt of the collectioun for the pure quhilk salbe tauld him of the deacone collector the day of the collectioun.

3. Item, that he sall tak notice and inspectioun of all wairis cumming from Scotland to Zeland, alsueill coalles as staiple waires, and the quantitie therof, and sall keip ane buik to that effect, that he may the better ingather the ministers dewtie, conforme to the pryce sett doun vpon the waires be the borrowis, and delyver the same as he ressaives to the collector apointit for payment making to the minister of his stipend quarterlie.

4. Item, that he sall resaive sic vther injunctiounes as the minister and elders and deacones sall find expedient for the better governament of the kirk.

5. Item, that he sall ressaive sic iniunctiounes as the conservator deputt sall find expedient for policie.

6. Item, that heirefter quhat salbe thocht neidfull be the borrowes or be the minister thair or conservatour deputt that he salbe obleist to ressaive theme and keip theme.

7. Item, that he sall collect and ressaive the conservatours' dewties, alsweill of colles as of staiple wair, conforme to vse and wont, and sall mak compt and payment of his ressait to the said conservatour or his deputtes.

8. Item, for fulfilling of thir articles and for dischairge of his dewtie, he sall find cawtione to the conservatour deputt, minister, elders, and deacones, at his entrie to the said office.

EXTRACTS FROM RECORDS

OTHER THAN THOSE OF

THE CONVENTION OF ROYAL BURGHS.

I.—FROM THE REGISTERS OF THE GREAT SEAL AND PRIVY COUNCIL.

Litera Artificum.

Maria Dei gracia Regina Scotorum, Omnibus et singulis nostris liegiis et subditis, ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem. Sciatis quia nos intelligentes quod nostri nobilissimi progenitores reges Scotie animaduertiam et respectum ad rempublicam et policiam regni nostri habentes, et quod absque probis artificibus respublica bene composita diutius stare nequit, ob idque illi dederunt seu concesserunt multa et diuersa priuilegia et libertates artificibus burgorum et ciuitatum regni nostri, nempe vt eligerent principaliter et dictos homines suarum artium in superiores

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Letter of Craftsmen.

Mary, by the grace of God Queen of Scots, to all and sundry our lieges and subjects to whom the present letters shall come, greeting: Know that we, considering that our most noble ancestors, Kings of Scotland, having consideration and regard to the common wealth and policy of our kingdom, and that a well constituted state cannot for long exist without good craftsmen, on that account gave or granted many and diverse privileges and liberties to the craftsmen of the burghs and cities of our kingdom, namely, and in the first place, that they may choose special men

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et decanos ad visitandum et expendendum omnes artes, et [ut] nulla extortio in liegiis nostri regni in vsum trahatur, sed vt quilibet artifex operetur et laboret sedulo in sua arte citra fraudem dolum malum et versutiam, ac vt conficerent hujusmodi statuta mulctas et tormenta, desuper ac eadem executioni demandent in delinquentes suis in artibus qualia equitati et rationi congruerent et consonarent, et vt persone per hujusmodi artifices lese compensarentur suis de dampnis; preterea concesserunt priuilegia et postestates probis artificibus, qui liberi burgenses burgorum essent ad nauigandum et mercimoniis vtendum sicuti alii mercatores regni nostri solent, cum diuersis aliis et singulis priuelegiis libertatibus et facultatibus ipsis concessis sub magnis sigillis nostrorum nobilissimorum progenitorum per nos visis et consideratis; quibus tamen per actum parliamenti postremo tenti mense Iunij anno elapso ob certas in eodem parliamento expressas et agitatas causas derogando ordinatum extitit, ne vlli decani exinde intra burgum eligerentur, sed vt prepositus et balliui ac consules vnius cuiusque burgi artifices maxime probos et in suis artibus edoctos eligerent, ac vt ille persone visitatores queque sue artis appellarentur, et vt ad festum diuini Michaelis annuatim eligerentur, et vt nulli artifices officium gererent intra burgum in futurum preter duos annuatim eligendos in consilium burgi, cum diuersis aliis restrictionibus prout in dicto acto parliamenti latius continetur; a cuiusquidem statuti tempore nihill ex causis et rationibus que ad id predictum nostrum parliamentum impulerant ad effectum esse deductum accepimus, quinimmo omnia apud eosdem artifices hodie

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of their own trades for superiors and deacons, to inspect and apprize all crafts, and that no extortion upon the lieges of our kingdom be brought into use, but that every craftsman work and labour diligently in his own craft without fraud, dole, or deceit; and that they make such statutes and appoint fines and punishments; and, moreover, put the same into execution against delinquents in their crafts, in so far as they may be agreeable and consonant with justice and reason, and that the persons wronged by such craftsmen be compensated for their losses; they, moreover, granted privileges and powers to good craftsmen who were free burgesses of burghs, to navigate and use commerce as the other merchants of our kingdom are wont; with divers other and special privileges, liberties, and powers, granted to them under the Great Seals of our most noble ancestors, [and] seen and considered by us; nevertheless, in abatement of these privileges, it was ordained by an act of the last Parliament held in the month of June in the by-past year, for certain causes explained and debated in the same Parliament, that no deacons should thenceforth be elected within the burgh, but that the provost, bailies, and councillors of each burgh should appoint the craftsmen best and most skilful in their crafts, and that these persons should be called the visitors of their crafts, and be elected annually at the feast of Michaelmas, and that no craftsman bear office within the burgh in future, except two, to be annually chosen into the council of the burgh; with divers other restrictions, as is more fully contained in the said Act of Parliament; from the time of which statute we have learned that nothing has

remissius quam antea agi; propterea nos predecessorum nostrorum priuelegiis derogari absque magna urgenti et perdurabili causa nolentes, omniaque ex equo et bono antiquitus concessa in pristinum et integrum statum reponi, ac etiam dissentionibus et priuatis publicisque odiis et contentionibus nostrorum mercatorum et artificum in burgis nostris habitantium occurrere cupientes ex certis ue aliis iustis et rationabilibus causis ad id nostrum animum mouentibus, ex nostra scientia et proprio motu dispensauimus ac tenore presentium dispensamus cum omnibus et singulis artificibus nostrorum burgorum et ciuitatum infra dictum nostrum regnum circa dictum actum nostri parliamenti vltimi, ac omnes perticulas et clausulas in eodem contentas, que libertatibus et priuilegiis ipsis in perprius per nostros nobilissimos progenitores ac diutine et continue possessionis virtute eorundem per ipsos habite aduersantur et obstant; ac reponimus ipsos ad vtendum et habendum decanos artificiorum qui suffragia et vota in eligendis burgorum officiariis habebunt et eligentur omnis generis artificiarii intra burgum vtentur et exercebunt eademque si modo inueniantur habiles et ydonei ad ea; et audient computa communium bonorum et erunt pars auditorum eorundem, et conuenient et facient licita statuta et ordinationes circa suas artes ad conseruationem boni ordinis inter artifices et sustentacionem diuini seruicii ad sua altaria; et nauigabunt vtentur et exercebunt omnis generis mercantias infra dictum nostrum regnum et extra idipsum prout ipsis maxime commodum visum fuerit cum omnibus et singulis priuilegiis libertatibus

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been done in pursuance of those causes and considerations which had moved our foresaid Parliament to pass that measure; nay, that everything is done more carelessly among those craftsmen at this day than formerly; and we therefore, willing not to abridge the privileges granted by our ancestors without great, urgent and enduring cause, but that everything justly and properly granted in ancient time be restored to its pristine and original state, and also desiring to prevent dissensions and contentions among our merchants and tradesmen dwelling in our burghs, and for certain other just and reasonable causes moving our mind to that course, from our own knowledge and of our own accord, have granted dispensations, and by the tenor of these presents do grant dispensations to all and sundry craftsmen of our burghs and cities within our said kingdom, in regard to the said act of our last Parliament, and all points and clauses in the same contained, which oppose and obstruct the liberties and privileges formerly [granted] to them by our most noble ancestors, and held by virtue of long and continued possession of the same had by themselves; and we restore to them the power of using and having deacons of crafts, who shall have suffrages and votes in electing the officers of the burghs; and there shall be elected craftsmen of every craft within the burgh, who shall enjoy and exercise the same, provided they be found suitable and fit for it; and they shall audit the accounts of the common goods, and shall be part of the auditors of the same, and shall meet and make lawful statutes and ordinances relating to their own crafts, to the preservation of good

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facultatibus consuetudinibus ipsis per nostros nobilissimos progenitores concessis et elargitis ac vsu et possessione eorundem per ipsos temporibus elapsis habitis, non obstante dicto acto parliamenti aut penis quibuscunque in eodem contentis, circa que cum ipsis per presentes dispensamus. Insuper per presentes ratificamus et approbamus omnia priuilegia libertates et facultates per nos et nostros nobilissimos progenitores dictis artificibus temporibus elapsis datas et concessas per ipsos vtenda et exercenda modo vigore effectuque in futurum sicuti eisdem perprius gauisi sunt possiderunt et vsi sunt citra vllam varietatem. Quare vobis omnibus et singulis nostris liegiis et subditis supradictis precipimus et mandamus, quatenus ne vos aut aliquis vestrum in contrarium presentium aut impedimentum molestationem aut obstaculum dictis artificibus in gauisione possessione et vsu et priulegiorum libertatum et facultatum prescriptorum in futurum facere presumatis aut presumat, non obstantibus actis literis statutis mandatis aut proclamationibus quibuscunque in contrarium factis seu conficiendis, aut vllis penis in eisdem contentis, sub omni pena periculo et offensa que vos aut quilibet vestrum aduersus nostram maiestatem incurrere et committere in hac parte possitis seu possit. In cuius rei testimonium presentibus magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus, apud Striueling decimo sexto die mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo sexto et regni nostri decimo quarto.

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order among the craftsmen and the maintenance of divine service at the altars; and they shall navigate and use and exercise merchandise of all sorts within our said kingdom and beyond the same, as shall seem to them most advantageous; with all and sundry privileges, liberties, powers, and customs, granted and bestowed on them by our most noble ancestors, and held by them by use and possession of the same in times bygone, notwithstanding the said act of Parliament or any penalties whatsoever contained in the same, with which as to them we by these presents dispense. Moreover, by these presents we ratify and approve all the privileges, liberties, and powers, by us and our said most noble ancestors granted and conceded in times bygone to the said craftsmen, to be enjoyed and exercised by them in future, in the manner and with the same vigour and effect as they formerly enjoyed, possessed, and used the same, without any alteration. Wherefore, we enjoin and command you, all and sundry our lieges and subjects above mentioned, that you, or any of you, shall not in future dare, in the contrary of these presents, to put any impediment, molestation, or obstacle in the way of the said craftsmen, in the enjoyment, use, and possession of the privileges, liberties, and powers above written, notwithstanding any acts, letters, statutes, mandates, or proclamations whatsoever to the contrary, made or to be made, or any pains in the same contained, under all penalty, damage, and offence which you or any of you can incur or commit against our majesty in this respect. In testimony of which thing we have caused our Great Seal to be affixed to these presents, at Stirling the sixteenth day of the month of April, in the year of our Lord 1556, and of our reign the 14th.

LITERA ARTIFICUM REGNI SCOTIE.

MARIA Dei gratia Regina Scotorum, Omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem. Sciatis quia nos intelligentes quod nostri nobilissimi progenitores Scotie reges ad rempublicam regni nostri policiamque in eodem habendam in suis temporibus respectum semper habuere, et quod absque artificibus virtute preditis bonis atque expertis eadem republica diu nec persistere nec perseuerare queat, ob idque illi regnum et rempublicam decorare volentes, diuersa priuilegia artificibus burgorum et ciuitatum regni nostri concesserunt ad effectum specialiter, vt bonus ordo inter ipsos obseruaretur, decanos elegendi ad visitandum et expendendum omnes artes vt nulla extortio in ligeos regni nostri in vsum trahatur sed vt omnes artifices in suis artibus sedulo ac iuste operentur et laborent, citra fraudem dolum malum aut versutiam et delinquentes cum rigore mulctandi, vt si aliique persone per artifices grauarentur, de dampnis suis compensarentur; quibusquidem priuilegiis et libertatibus artificibus burgorum et ciuitatum regni nostri concessis, ob certas pretensas causas, dirogatio facta fuit per actum parliamenti nostri tentum in pretorio burgi nostri de Edinburgh mense Junii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo quinto, vbi ordinatum extitit quod nulli decani infra burgum eligerentur, sed vt prepositus balliui et consules vnius

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LETTER OF THE CRAFTSMEN OF THE KINGDOM OF SCOTLAND.

MARY, by the grace of God Queen of Scots, to all her good men to whom the present letters shall come, greeting: Know that we, considering that our most noble ancestors, kings of Scotland, always in their own times had respect to the common wealth of our kingdom and the policy to be pursued in the same, and because without craftsmen endued with virtue, good and expert, the said commonwealth could not long continue or subsist, they therefore wishing to adorn the kingdom and the commonwealth, granted diverse privileges to the craftsmen of the burghs and cities of our kingdom, specially to the effect that good order should be observed among them, that they elect deacons to inspect and apprize all crafts (so that no extortion should be brought into use against the lieges of our kingdom, but that all craftsmen should work and labour industriously and honestly in their own crafts, without fraud, guile, or deceit), and that they fine delinquents with rigour, so that if any persons were wronged by the craftsmen they might be recompensed for their losses; of which privileges and liberties granted to the craftsmen of the burghs and cities of our kingdom an abatement was, for certain pretended causes, made by act of our Parliament held in the Court house of our burgh of Edinburgh in the month of June one thousand five hundred and fifty-five, where it was ordained that no deacon should be elected within the burgh, but that the provost, bailies,

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cuiusque burgi artifices maxime probos et edoctos cuiuslibet artis eligerent visatoresque artium vocentur, et annuatim ad festum Michaelis eligerentur, et quod nulli artifices officium gererent intra burgum in futurum, preter duos annuatim eligendos in consilium burgi cum diuersis aliis restrictionibus in prelibato acto specificatis; a cuiusquidem statuti tempore nihil profitui aut vtilitatis rei publice nostre ex inde peruenire percipieabamus, rationesque, que status regni nostri ad dictum actum confeciendum monebant, cessare; saltem tantas commoditates reipublice burgorum nostrorum nunc [non] secumfert quantas ex eo succedere opinabatur; quapropter mentis et voluntatis existentes vt priuilegia per nobillissimos nostros progenitores predictos artificibus concessa minime abrogentur absque magna vrgenti et tollerabili causa, perpendentes quod non obstante antedicto acto ipsi in possessione antiquorum suorum priuilegiorum fuerunt, ac etiam dissentionibus et priuatis publicisque odiis et contentionibus nostrorum mercatorum et artificum in burgis nostris habitantium occurrere cupientes, ex certis aliis iustis et rationabilibus causis ad id animum nostrum moventibus, ex nostra scientia et proprio motu, nunc post nostram legitimam et perfectam etatem viginti vnius annorum dispensauimus ac tenore presentium dispensamus cum omnibus et singulis artificibus burgorum et ciuitatum regni nostri penes predictum actum parliamenti, ac omnes punctos et clausulas in eodem contentas, que libertatibus et priuilegiis ipsis perprius per nostros nobilissimos progenitores ac diutine et continue possessionis virtute earundem per ipsos artifices

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and councillors of each burgh should appoint the best and most skilful craftsmen of each craft, and that they should be called Visitors of crafts, and should be elected annually at the feast of Michaelmas, and that no craftsmen should bear office within the burgh in future except two to be annually chosen into the Council of the burgh; with divers other restrictions specified in the foresaid Act of Parliament; from the time of which Statute we perceived that no profit or advantage to our commonwealth had thence arisen, and that the reason which moved the states of our realm to pass that act has ceased; at least it now brings [not] with itself as great advantages to the common wealth of our burghs as were expected to arise from it; wherefore our mind and will being that the privileges granted by our most noble ancestors to the foresaid craftsmen should by no means be abrogated without great, urgent, and justifiable cause, considering that, notwithstanding the foresaid act of Parliament, they were in possession of their ancient privileges; and also desiring to prevent dissensions and public and private quarrels and contentions of our merchants and craftsmen dwelling in our burghs, [and] for certain other just and reasonable causes moving our mind to that course, of our own knowledge and of our own accord, now, after our lawful and perfect age of twenty-one years, have granted dispensations, and by the tenor of these presents do grant dispensations to all and sundry craftsmen of the burghs and cities of our kingdom as regards the foresaid Act of Parliament, and all points and clauses in the same contained which oppose and obstruct the liberties and privileges formerly [granted] to them

habite aduersantur et obstant, ac reponimus ipsos ad habendum artium decanos ad visitandum et superintendendum omnis generis artifices prout ante confectionem prelibati acti habuerunt et vsi sunt pro conseruatione boni ordinis inter artifices et sustentacione suorum onerum necessariorum: damus etiam et concedimus tenore presentium ipsis potestatem omnia et singula priuilegia facultates et consuetudines ipsis per nobilissimos nostros progenitores per cartas aut alias datas et concessas, vtendi exercendi et frequentandi, de quibus ipsi artifices temporibus retroactis in vsu et possessione fuere, non obstante prefato parliamenti acto et penis in eisdem contentis, penes quod cum ipsis per presentes dispensamus. Insuper tenore presentium ratificamus et approbamus omnia priuilegia libertates consuetudines et facultatas dictis artificibus per prefatos nobilissimos nostros progenitores datas et concessas, de quibus de presenti in possessione sunt aut aliquibus temporibus elapsis fuerunt, cum potestate ipsis eadem vtendi frequentandi et exercendi simili modo vigore ac robore omni tempore affuturo ac si eadem perprius gauisi possessi sunt absque quacunque varietate. Quare omnibus et singulis nostris ligeis et subditis quibuscunque precipimus et mandamus, quatenus ne ipsi aut ipsorum aliquis in contrarium presentium veniant, neve impedimentum molestationem seu obstaculum dictis artificibus in gauisione possessione et vsu dictarum libertatum et priuilegiorum tempore affuturo facere presumant, non obstantibus quibuscunque actis statutis ac literis in contrarium factis seu concessis aut vllis penis in eisdem contentis sub

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by our most noble ancestors, and held in virtue of long and continued possession of the same, had by the craftsmen themselves; and we restore to them the privilege of having deacons of crafts to inspect and superintend craftsmen of all sorts as they had and enjoyed before the passing of the foresaid Act, for the preservation of good order among the craftsmen and the maintenance of their necessary burdens; we grant also and by the tenor of these presents concede to them the power and all and sundry privileges, faculties, and customs granted and conceded to them by our most noble ancestors, by charters or otherwise, and of using, exercising and practising the same, of which the said craftsmen were in time past in the enjoyment and possession, notwithstanding the foresaid Act of Parliament and the penalties in the same contained, with which as to them we by these presents dispense. Moreover, we by the tenor of these presents, ratify and confirm all the privileges, liberties, customs, and faculties given and conceded to the said craftsmen by our most noble ancestors foresaid, of which they at present are, or at any time past were in possession with power to them of enjoying, practising, and exercising the same in a similar manner, and with the same vigour and strength in all time to come, as if they had formerly enjoyed the same without any alteration. Wherefore, we enjoin and command all and sundry our lieges and subjects whatsoever, that neither they or any of them oppose these presents, nor presume to offer any impediment, molestation, or obstacle to our said craftsmen in the enjoyment, possession, and use of the said liberties and privileges in time to come, notwith-

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omni pena et offensione, quas ipsi aut ipsorum quilibet aduersu snostram in hac parte incurrere poterint maiestatem. In cuius rei testimonium presentibus magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus apud Edinburgh primo die mensis Martii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo quarto et regni nostri vicecesimo tertio.

Carta Artificum.

Register of the Great Seal, Book 35, No. 420. 22d July 1581.

Iacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum, Omnibus et singulis nostris liegiis et subditis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem. Sciatis quia nos intelligentes quod nobilissimi nostri progenitores reges Scotie animaduersiam et respectum ad rempublicam et politiam regni nostri habentes, et quod absque probis artificibus respublica bene composita diutius stare nequit, ob idque illi dederunt et concesserunt multa et diuersa priuilegia et libertates artificibus burgorum nostrorum de Edinburgh Perth Dundie Aberdene omniumque aliorum burgorum et regni nostri ciuitatum, nempe vt eligerent principaliter et dictos homines suarum artium in superiores et decanos ad visitandum et expendendum omnes artes et [ut] nulla extorsio in regni nostri liegiis in vsum trahatur, sed vt quilibet artifex operetur et laboret sedulo in sua arte citra fraudem dolum malum et versutiam, ac vt conficerent huiusmodi statuta mulctas et tormenta; desuper ac eadem executioni demandent et

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standing any acts, statutes, and letters made or granted to the contrary, or any pains in the same contained, under all penalty and offence which they or any of them could incur against our majesty in this matter. In testimony of which thing we have ordered our Great Seal to be affixed to these presents, at Edinburgh the first day of the month of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and sixty-four, and of our reign the twenty-third.

Charter of Craftsmen.

James, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all and sundry our lieges and subjects to whom the present letter shall come, greeting: Know that we, considering that our most noble ancestors, kings of Scotland, having consideration and regard for the common wealth and policy of our kingdom, and that without good craftsmen a well constituted commonwealth cannot for any considerable time exist, and for that cause gave or granted many and divers privileges and liberties to the craftsmen of our burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen, and of all the other burghs and cities of our kingdom, namely, and in the first place, that they may choose special men of their crafts for superiors and deacons, to inspect and apprize all crafts, and [that] no extortion should be brought into use against the lieges of our kingdom, but that every craftsman should work and labour diligently in his craft without fraud, guile,

[in] delinquentes suis in artibus qualia equitati et rationi congruerent ac consonarent; et vt persone per huiusmodi artifices lese compensarentur suis de dampnis; preterea concesserunt priuilegia et potestates probis artificibus, qui liberi burgorum burgenses essent ad nauigandum et mercimoniis vtendum sicuti alij mercatores regni nostri solent cum diuersis aliis et singulis priuilegiis libertatibus et facultatibus ipsis concessis sub magnis sigillis nostrorum noblisimorum progenitorum per nos visis et consideratis; quibus tamen per actum parliamenti tenti apud die mensis Iunij anno domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo quinto, ob certas in eodem parliamento expressas et agitatas causas derogando ordinatum extitit, ne vlli decani exinde intra burgum eligerentur; sed vt prepositus et baliui ac consules vnuscuiusque burgi artifices maxime probos et in suis artibus edoctos eligerent, ac vt ille persone visitatores queque sue artis apellarentur et ad Festum divini Michaelis annuatim eligerentur, et vt nulli artifices officium gererent intra burgum in futurum preter duos annuatim eligendos in consilium burgi, cum diuersis aliis restrictionibus prout in dicto acto parliamenti latius continetur; a cuiusquidem statuti tempore nihil ex causis et rationibus que ad id dictum nostrum parliamentum impulerant ad effectum esse deductum accepimus, quinimo omnia apud eosdem artifices hodie remissius quam antea agi; preterea nos predecessorum nostrorum preiuilegiis dirogari absque magna vrgenti et perdurabili causa nolentes, omniaque ex equo et bono antiquitus

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or deceit, and that they make such statutes, fines, and punishments; and, moreover, put the same into execution against the delinquents in their crafts in so far as they may be agreeable and consonant with justice and reason, and that persons wronged by such craftsmen be recompensed for their losses; moreover, they granted privileges and powers to good craftsmen who were free burgesses of burghs to navigate and use commerce as the other merchants of our kingdom are wont; with divers other and special privileges, liberties, and faculties granted to them under the Great Seals of our most noble ancestors, by us seen and considered; nevertheless, in abatement of these privileges, it was ordained by an Act of Parliament held at [Edinburgh the 20th] day of the month of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and fifty-five, for certain causes in the said Parliament explained and discussed, that no deacon should thenceforth be elected within burgh, but that the provost, baillies, and councillors of each burgh should appoint craftsmen, the best and most skilful in their crafts, and that these persons should be called Visitors, each of his own craft, and that they should be elected annually at the feast of Michaelmas, and that no craftsmen should bear office within burgh in future, except two to be annually elected into the council of the burgh; with divers other restrictions, as is more fully contained in the said Act of Parliament; from the time of which statute we have learned that none of the causes and considerations which had moved our said Parliament to that measure have come into effect; rather that everything is done more remissly among our craftsmen at this day than formerly; and besides we, willing not to abridge the

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concessa in pristinum et integrum statum reponi; ac etiam dissentionibus et priuatis publicisque odiis et contentionibus nostrorum mercatorum et artificum in burgis nostris habitantium occurrere cupientes, ex certisve aliis justis et rationabalibus causis ad id nostrum animum moventibus, ex nostra scientia et proprio motu, cum auisamento dominorum nostri secreti consilii dispensauimus tenoreque presentium dispensamus cum omnibus et singulis artificibus dictorum burgorum nostrorum de Edinburgh Perth Dundie Aberdene et remanentium burgorum et ciuitatum regni nostri circa dictum actum parliamenti, ac omnes particulas et clausulas in eodem contentas, que libertatibus et priuilegus ipsis in perprius per nostros nobilissimos progenitores ac duitine et continue possessionis virtute eorundem per ipsos habite aduersantur et obstant; ac reponimus ipsos ad vtendum et habendum decanos artificiorum, qui suffragia et vota in eligendis burgorum officiariis habebunt, et eligentur omnis generis artificiarii intra burgum vtentur et exercebunt eademque, si modo inueniantur habiles et idonei ad ea, et audient computa communium burgorum et erunt pars auditorum eorundem et conuenient et facient liceta statuta et ordinationes circa suas ad conseruationem boni ordinis inter artifices et sustentationem diuini seruitii, et nauigabunt vtentur et exercebunt omnis generis mercantias infra dictum nostrum regnum et extra idipsum, prout ipsis maxime commodum visum fuerit, cum omnibus et singulis priuilegiis libertatibus facultatibus consuetudeni-

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privileges granted by our predecessors without great, urgent, and enduring cause, but that everything anciently granted according to equity and right be restored to its former and original state, and also desiring to prevent dissensions and private and public quarrels and contentions of our merchants and craftsmen dwelling in our burghs, and for certain other just and reasonable causes moving our mind to that course, of our own knowledge and of our own accord, with the advice of the Lords of our Privy Council, have granted dispensations, and by the tenor of these presents do grant dispensations to all and sundry craftsmen of our said burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen, and of the remaining burghs and cities of our kingdom in terms of the said Act of Parliament, and all points and clauses in the same contained which oppose and obstruct the liberties and privileges formerly [granted] by our most noble ancestors, and held by virtue of long and continued possession of the same by them; and we restore to them the privilege of enjoying and having deacons of crafts, who shall have suffrages and votes in electing the officers of the burghs, and there shall be elected craftsmen of every craft within the burgh, who shall enjoy and exercise the same, provided they be found suitable for it; and they shall audit the accounts of the common [goods] of the burghs, and shall be part of the auditors of the same, and shall meet and make lawful statutes and regulations anent their own [crafts], for the preservation of good order among the craftsmen and the maintenance of divine service; and they shall navigate and enjoy and trade in merchandise of all sorts within our said kingdom and beyond the same, as shall appear to them

bus ipsis per nostros nobilissimos progenitores concessis et elargitis, ac vsu et possessione eorundem per ipsos temporibus elapsis habitis, non obstante dicto acto parliamenti aut penis quibuscunque in eodem contenis, circa que cum ipsis per-presentes dispensamus. Insuper per presentes ratificamus et approbamus omnia priuilegia libertates et facultates, per nos et nostros nobilissimos progenitores dictis artificibus temporibus elapsis datas et concessas, per ipsos vtenda et exercenda modo vigore effectuque in futurum, sicuti eisdem perprius gauisi sunt possiderunt et vsi sunt citra vllam varietatem. Quare vobis omnibus et singulis nostris liegiis et subditis supradictis precipimus et mandamus, quatenus ne vos aut aliquis vestrum in contrarum presentium aut impedimentum molestationem aut obstaculum dictis artificibus in gauisione possessione et vsu priuilegiorum libertatum et facultatum prescriptarum in futurum, facere presumatis aut presumat, non obstantibus actis literis statutis mandatis aut proclamationibus quibuscumque in contrarium factis, seu conficiendis aut vllis penis in eisdem contentis, sub omni pena periculo et offensa que vos aut quilibet vestrum aduersus nostram maiestatem incurrere et committere in hac parte possitis seu possit. In cuius rei testimonium presentibus magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus apud Dalkeith vicesimo secundo die mensis Iulij anno domini millesimo quingentesimo octuagesimo primo et regni nostri decimo quarto.

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most advantageous, with all and sundry privileges, liberties, powers, and customs granted and conceded to them by our most noble ancestors, and held by them by use and possession of the same in times bygone, notwithstanding the said Act of Parliament or any penalties whatsoever in the same contained, as to which with them we by these presents dispense. Moreover, by these presents, we ratify and confirm all the privileges, liberties, and faculties granted and conceded by us and our most noble ancestors in times bygone to the said craftsmen, to be by them enjoyed and exercised in the manner and with vigour and effect in time to come as they formerly enjoyed, possessed and used the same, without any alteration. Wherefore we enjoin and command you, all and sundry our lieges and subjects above-mentioned, that neither you nor any of you in future presume in the contrary of these presents to put any impediment, annoyance, or obstacle in the way of the said craftsmen in the enjoyment, possession and use of the privileges, liberties, and faculties above-written, notwithstanding any acts, letters, statutes, mandates or proclamations whatsoever to the contrary made or to be made, or any penalties in the same contained, under any penalty danger and offence, which you or any of you can incur or commit against our majesty in this respect. In testimony of which thing we have ordered our great Seal to be affixed to these presents, at Dalkeith the twenty-second day of the month of July in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and eighty-one, and of our reign the fourteenth.

Acts concerning the Conservator in Flanders.

Privy Council Register Acts. 9th May 1565.

Apud Striuiling nono die mensis Maij anno domini milesimo quingencesimo sexagesimo quinto

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Jacobus comes de Mortoun cancellarius
Joannes dominus Erskin
Clericus Iusticiare
Aduacatus.

Actis concernyng the Conseruatour in Flanderis

At Striuiling the nynt day of the moneth of Maij the zeir of God j^{m} v^{c} thre scoir fyve zeris, The Quenis Maiestie vnderstanding the priuilegis of the Scottis merchantis hir subiectis to decay and pas furth of vse in the partis of Flanderis throw the negligence of hir hienes conseruatour and officiar,—and the disordour and inciuilitie vsit be hir saidis subiectis marchandis, efter the hering and knawlege of the lovabill actis and constitutiones of hir maiesteis fader the kingis grace of maist worthie memorie maid in that behalf, havand alsua respect to the commoditie and honour of hir realme, weilfair of honest and trew marchandis, and pvnissing of the avaracius and insatiabill cupiditie of certane maliuolus personis quhilkis, vsurpand to thame selffis the names of marchands, fraudulentlie transportis thair gudis and marchandices sumtymes vncustomat and sumtymes sic kynd of gudis as be the lawis municipall of this realme and actis of Parliament ar express forbiddin to the greit dampnage of this realme and the honest estait of trew marchandis Be the avyis of the Lordis of the Secreit Counsall hes renewit maid statut ordanit devysit and fund ressonabill that the actis and constitutionis following be inuiolabillie obseruit and dewlie put to executioun be hir hienes conseruatour vpoun the contravenaris as accordis: In the first, it is ordanit be oure Souerane Lady the Quenis Maiestie and for the weill of marchandis that passis in Flanderis that nane of thame sall brek bouk nor mak marchandice quhill the tyme that thair gudis be housit and the schip lost and advysit with the conseruatour how the mercat is, and ask his counsall in thair selling for thair awin proffeit, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of fyve schillingis grit to be tane of thame that faillis heirintill.

Item, that na sellaris be oppynit bot thryis in the oulk for selling of thair geir vnder the samyn pane.

Item, quhen thai by thair geir in the marcat that nane sall pas bot twa in ilk buith at anis, and gif ony of thair marrowis cummis and findis thame thair, thai sall pas away furth and chaip na geir quhill thai haif done, vnder the pane of the samyn vnlaw.

Item, that the symer marcattis hald fra sex houris in the morning to xj houris at none, and fra ane eftir none to sex houris at evin.

Item, for the wintir marcattis fra viij houris on the morning to ellevin houris befoir none, and fra ane eftir none to four houris at evin.

Item, that na marchand quhen he hes coft his gudis sall bring thame hame himself, bot he sall caus vtheris on his expenssis till turs his geir to his lugeing or sellar lyke ane merchand, vnder the pane foirsaid.

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Item, that na marchand that byis his meit in the marcat turs it hame in his sleif nor on his knyff point vnder the samyn pane vnforgevin.

Item, that nane saill in marchandice without he be honestlie abolziit lyke ane marchand, and gif he beis nocht weill cled that the conseruatour warne him to cleith him self and failze he and will nocht do the samyn that the conseruatour tak alsmekill of his gudis and cleith him with, and to tak the samyn vnlaw.

Item, that na Scottis hoyis nor vther Scottis schippis nor Flemis that bringis doun geir out of the marcat be frauchtit in the marcat for thair greit fraud, bot allanerlie befoir the conseruatour, nor na vther that cummis in Scotland sic lyke, and that actis be maid thairupoun vnder the pane of the said vnlaw.

Item, quhatsumeuir marchand that beis chargeit be the conseruatouris officiar till compeir befoir him and dissobeyis and comperis nocht sall pay the same vnlaw.

Item, that Scottis skipparis and thair childer sall obey ta the conseruatour vnder the pane ilk man that dissobeyis of the samyn vnlaw.

Item, gif thair be ony Scottismen that fechtis, tulzeis, or drawis bluid ane of ane vther, or committis ony theft, that the conseruatour with avyis of his counsall sall pvneis the faltouris regorouslie and tak the samyn vnlaw.

Item, gif ony Scottismen deceissis, his gudis salbe deliuerit in keping to the conseruatour quhill his wyfe or barnis send for it or vtheris freindis that hes entres thairintill.

Item, that euery honest merchand sall pas with the conseruatour till all honorabill and publict actis, as quhen ony Scottismen dois for the honestlie of the realme, vnder the pane of the said vnlaw.

Item, that na Scottisman sall call ane vther befoir ony iuge bot befoir the conseruatour vnder the pane of the samyn vnlaw.

Item, that all factouris that ar Scottismen within the partis of the Dukis landis sall ansuer to the conseruatour and nocht allege fra him to thair portary, and gif thai will abyde at thair portary and nocht obey to the said conseruatour, the quenis maiestie now as than and than as now commandis and chargeis the said conseruatour that he discharge all and sindry hir lieges and marchandis dwelland within Scotland to mak ony sic thair factouris in tyme tocum vnder the pane of ten pund greit, the tane half to be applyit to our Souerane Ladiis vse, and the vther half thairof to the conseruatour for his labouris; and this to be rasit and tane of euery man that failzeis or brekis this statute.

Item, that nane of oure Souerane Ladiis liegis tak vpoun hand to carie anie of hir maiesteis cunzeit money, gold nor siluer, furth of this realme vnder the pane of confiscatioun of the samyn, the twa part to be imployit to the behuif of the quenis maiestie, and the thrid to the conseruatour for his laubouris; and commandis the said conseruatour to serche and seik with all diligence the brekaris of the statutis maid thairanent, as he will ansuer.

Privy Council Register. 9th May 1565.

Item that nane of hir maiesteis lieges tak vpoun hand to bring ony maner of fals cunze within this realme, furth of ony partis quhair thai hant or frequent, vndir the pane of lyfe landis and gudis, and als chargis and commandis the said conseruatour to serche and seik the saidis faltouris with all diligence, and als to confisk thair gudis, the twa daill to the quenis maiesteis behuif, and the thrid to the conseruatour for his labouris; and that he keip the faltouris in captiuitie vnto the tyme he aduerteis hir maiestie.

Item, that the said conseruatour sall serche and seik all forbiddin gudis prohibit be the actis of parliament to be had furth of this realme in speciall talloun, flesche and all kynd of vther forbiddin geir, and in like maner all maner of gudis vncustimat and nocht contenit in the cocqueit, and escheit the samyn forbidddn and vncustimat gudis, the twa part to the quenis maiesteis vse, and the thrid to his awin.

Prouiding alwayis that the said conseruatour aduerteis the quenis maiestie and hir thesaurare fra tyme to tyme of his procedings eftir the apprehensioun of quhatsumeuir transgressouris with all diligence.

Item, that na marchand tak on hand to tak his nychtbours marchand fra him quhome he hes in hand to by his geir, owther be him self or ony brokar or immediat persoun, owther in tyme of bying or selling, salang as thai ar togiddir in cumpany, vndir the pane of v s. of vnlaw to the conseruatour and x s grit to the dene of gild of the toun quhair the offendar dwellis, quhilk pane the conseruatour sall vptak and deliuer the samyn to the aunar of the schip swa that he may carie it to the dene of gild.

Item, it is ordanit be the quenis maiestie that the conseruatour sal haif for his laubouris of euerilk sek of gudis twa sturis, and quha dissobeyis the samyn sall pay the said unlaw of v s. greit.

Quhilk actis and ordinances the quenis maiestie ordanis to be actit and insert in the bukis of hir secreit counsall to lestand memorie and the samyn being registrat ordanis hir hienes greit signet to be appendit to the samyn.

II.—FROM THE ROTULI SCOTIÆ.

ORDINANCE by KING EDWARD the THIRD of ENGLAND that until Roxburgh, Edinburgh, and Stirling were brought back to his sovereignty, the causes which used to be concluded in the Court of the Four Burghs, should be disposed of in Berwick before the Governor and Mayor of the Town. Guildford 30 March 1345.

REX dilectis et fidelibus suis custodi et majori ville sue Berewici super Twedam

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[THE King to his beloved and faithful the governor and mayor of his town of Berwick-upon-

salutem. Ex parte communitatis dicte ville Berewici nobis est ostensum, quod cum in regno Scotiæ usitatum sit ab antiquo, quod si per partem querelantem vel defendentem pretensam fuisset, errorem vel falsitatem in judiciis in curia burgorum dicte regni redditis intervenisse, eadem judicia et totus processus in hac parte habitus apud Hadyngton in eodem regno, coram camerario Scotie et sexdecim de probioribus et legalioribus hominibus quatuor burgorum videlicet, Berewici, Rokesburgh, Stryvelyn et Edenburgh mitti, et ibidem rectari examinari et terminari deberent et executiones judiciorum illorum interim remanerent in suspenso. Ac jam pro eo quod homines dictarum trium villarum de Rokesburgh Stryvelyn et Edenburgh cum dictis hominibus dicte ville Berewici propter rebellionem quorundam inimicis nostris adherentium, in uno loco ad hujusmodi judicia terminanda convenire non possunt judicia super placitis in dicto burgo Berewici et partibus eidem burgo adjacentibus motis reddita que sic falsa vel erronea pretenduntur remanent indiscussa et indeterminata, in multorum hominum dicti regni grave dampnum et depauperationem ac exheredationem manifestam; pro quod nobis est supplicatum est super hoc de remedio congruo provideri faciemus. Nos nolentes judicio [judicia] in dicto burgo Berewici et partibus adjacentibus reddita taliter, pro defectu justitie deperire, volumus et concedimus quod custos et major dicti burgi Berewici qui per tempore fuerint, assumptis secum duodecim de discretioribus et legalioribus burgensibus ejusdem burgi, apud certum locum per ipsos custodem et majorem in eodem burgo ad hoc statuendum, quolibet anno in quindena Sancti Michaelis, quousque homines dictorum quatuor burgorum possint ad hujusmodi judicia terminanda pacifice convenire conveniant;

Rotuli Scotiæ. 30th March 1345.

Tweed, greeting: It has been represented unto us on behalf of the community of the said town of Berwick, that whereas in the kingdom of Scotland it has been the custom from time past, that if it were alleged, either by the party pursuing or defending, that error or falsity had taken place in the judgments pronounced in the court of the burghs of the said kingdom, the said judgments and all process had thereon were sent to Haddington in the said kingdom, and there, before the chamberlain of Scotland and sixteen of the more discreet and lawworthy men of the four burghs, viz., Berwick, Roxburgh, Stirling, and Edinburgh, ought to be put right, examined, and determined, and the execution of their judgments should in the meantime be suspended; And now, because the men of the said three towns of Roxburgh, Stirling, and Edinburgh, through the rebellion of certain persons attached to our enemies, cannot assemble in any place with the said men of the said town of Berwick, the judgments pronounced on pleas raised in the said town of Berwick and the parts adjacent to the said burgh, which are so alleged to be false or erroneous, remain undiscussed and undetermined, to the great damage and manifest impoverishment and disinheritance of many men of the said kingdom; for which we have been besought to provide a fitting remedy: We, not willing that the judgments given in the said town of Berwick and parts adjacent should fail through defect of justice, will and grant that the governor and mayor of the said town of Berwick, who shall be for the time, assuming with them twelve of the most discreet and law-worthy burghers of the said burgh, may assemble at a certain place within the said town to be appointed for that purpose by the said governor and mayor in every year on the fifteenth day after Michaelmas, until the men of the said four burghs can assemble peacefully to decide the said judgments; and all the records and processes

Rotuli Scotiæ, 30th March 1345.

et omnia recorda et processus super quibus hujusmodi judicia sic falsa et erronea pretensa super placitis in dicto burgo Berewici et partibus adjacentibus motis, ante hoc tempora redduntur vel imposterum reddita fuerint, coram eis venire, rectari et examinari; et ulterius super discussione judiciorum eorundem fieri faciant quod secundem legem et consuetudinem partium predictarum fuerit faciendum; consuetudine predicta non obstante. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod premissa faciatis in forma predicta. In cujus etc.

Teste rege apud Guldeford xxx die Martis

Per ipsum regem et consilium.

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brought before them upon which the foresaid judgments so alleged to be false and erroneous pronounced heretofore, or hereafter to be pronounced in suits raised in the said burgh of Berwick and parts adjacent, shall cause to be put right and discussed;—and lastly, after considering the said judgments, shall cause that to be done which according to the law and custom of the said country should be done; the foresaid custom notwithstanding; And therefore we command you that you cause the premises to be done in the foresaid form: In witness, etc. [Witness the King at Guildford the thirtieth day of March, by the King himself and the council.]

III.—FROM THE RECORDS OF THE BURGH OF EDINBURGH.

(1.) From the Council Records.

5th October 1484.

[Commissioners to Four Burghs.]

In an old MS. volume of Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Edinburgh, preserved in the Advocate's Library, the following note appears in the handwriting of the original transcriber:—On the sam leiff (*i.e.*, a loose leaf bearing the above date) writtin: Commissarij ad parliamentum four in nummer; and besyde written:—Commissarij iiij^{or} burgorum.

27th January 1513.

[Expenses of Unicorn Herald to Flanders.] Vol. I. fol. 5.

The xxvij day of Januare anno prescripto, the prouest baillies and counsall consentis and grantis, oblissand thame and thair successouris till thair louittis Maister Adame Otterburne, Ihone of Craik, Williame Thomesoun, and Thomas Steill, forsamekle as thai haue tane vpoun hand for to deliuer to Unicorne Herald the sowme of ten li. gs. for his waigis and passage in the pairtis of Flanderis for the commoun weill of merchandice, that heirfor the saidis personis sall haue full power till tak and ressaue of everye sek of guidis reparand this wayage within the Dukis landis xviij gs., and of all vther guidis efferand thairto; and gif thai get na payment thairof the toun sall pay thame heir at hame ten no^{t} (*sic*) for the li. gs., thai deliuerand the names of thame that thai get na payment of, and the

saidis personis to haue twa li. gs. for thair labouris, and of the excrescens gif thai happin ony to gett aboue the xij li. gs. in the haill, thai to mak reknyng thairof to the toun, with intimatioun to thame that hes the saidis guidis and thai will nocht pay the said xviij gs. thai sall pay heir at hame for ilk xij gs. v s. scottis.

EDINBURGH, 21st August 1514.

21st August 1514.

The xxj day of August anno prescripto, in presens of the baillies, president, counsale, and communitie thir personis, comburgessis vnderwritten, hes grantit and consentit till len and diliuer thir sowmeis followand, intitillit vpoun thame for the expenssis to be maid vpoun the doun getting of the custome of France, xij deniers of the frank in all gudlie haist, and the personis foirsaid for this burgh of Edinburgh, Ihone Foulertoun commissar for the burgh of Air, Duncane Patersoun and Robert Arnot commissaris for Streveling, hes oblist thame and thair commissioneris till pay the said soumes agane to the saidis personis, ilk ane thair awin seuerale pairt, at Fastronisevin nixttocum, and thairvpoun to be bundin vnder thair commoun selis in dew forme for the said repayment to be maid as said is; and als thai to be considerit for thair beneuolence into the taxt and extent to be gatherit for the said repayment.

Anent the doun getting of custome of France. Vol. I. fol. 6.

Thir ar the personis followand that promittit, viz.:—

Dauid Maivill, president	v^{c} frankis.
William Carmichaell	v^{c} frankis.
Ihone Irland	v^{c} frankis.
Alane Lawder	v^{c} frankis.
Edward Litill and Ihone Marioribankis	v^{c} frankis.
Andro Iddard	ij^{c} frankis.
Ihone Adamesoun	ij^{c} frankis.
Alexander Mauchane	j^{c} frankis.
Michaell Makquhen	j^{c} l frankis.
Williame Forsythe	j^{c} l frankis.
Ihone Brus	j^{c} frankis.
Williame Mak	j^{c} frankis.
Maister Adame Otterburne, Francis Towris, baillie,	ij^{c} l frankis.
Williame Adamesoun,	l frankis.

10th May 1555.

The quhilk day, the prouest baillies and maist pairt of the counsale nemmit Ihon Symsoun, Maister Ihonne Prestoun, William Ker, and Iames Barroun, to convene the morn with the commissaris of burrowis to consult vpoun the weill of the haill burrowis.

Anent the borrowis. Vol. II. fol. 48.

EDINBURGH, 20th January 1555.

20th January 1555.

[Commissioners to attend Convention.] Vol. II. pp. 66, 67.

The quhilk day, the prouest baillies and counsale, at the command of the Quenis grace wryting vnderwrittin, nemmit and chesit Archibald Douglas of Kilspindy prouest, Andro Murray of Blakbarony, and Maister Iohne Prestoun, for the merchandis, and Thomas Reidpath, skynnar, for the craftismen, to convene with the rest of the commissionaris of burrowis, conform to the said wryting, of the quhilk the tenour followis :—Provest, baillies, and counsale of Edinburgh we grete zow weill : Forsamekil as we are informit of diuers debaittis and pleyis amangis merchandis and craftismen within syndry borrowis of this realm, quhilkis we ar werray desyrous to haif recounselit, for furthsetting of the commoun weill and avancing of sic seruice as consernis oure derrest douchter twiching hir cunze myndis and fischingis, quhairfoir we charge zow that vpoun the xv day of Ianuar nixtocum ze caus twa commissionaris, ane of the maist honest merchandis and ane vther craftismen, to be in Edinbruch to ressoun in the materis foirsaidis with sic commissionaris as we sall appoynt to that effect, as ze will ansuer to ws thairvpoun. At Falkland the xxvij day of Nowember 1555. *Sequitur Subscriptio*, MARIE R.

Protestio. Grahame nomine Ville.

The quhilk day, in presens of the baillies and counsale Maister Archibald Graham, thesaurar, protestit that the chesing of Thomas Reidpeth, skynnar, beand ane craftisman, as commissionar, conform to the act aboue writtin, be vertew of the Quenis grace wryting, preiuge nocht the toune in tyme cuming, insafar as craftismen wer neuir chosin commissionaris of befoir.

Protestatio. Gilbert nomine artificum.

The quhilk day, in presens of the baillies and counsale Michael Gilbert, goldsmyth, in name of the haill visitouris of craftis, desyrit the saidis visitouris to be hard and to haif voting in the chesing of the commissionaris quhilkis the Quenis grace be hir wryting desyrit to be chosin, and because the baillies and counsale refusit and protestit for remeid, and als desyrit thame to cheis twa craftismen alsueil as thai had chosin tua merchandis.

23d January 1555.

Protestatio. Commissioners of Edinburgh. Vol. II. fol. 66.

The quhilk day, in presens of the commissionaris of burrowis, convenit in Edinbruch in the Tolbuith thairof, Maister Iohne Prestoun askit instrumentis that he, Andro Murray of Blakbarony, and Thomas Reidpeth, thre of the commissionaris to Edinbruch, ansuerit to the secund article gevin in to thame be Iames Henrisoun in the Quenis grace name, negatiue, as thai that had commissioun thairto and to na vther effect

24th January 1555.

Bulzeoun. Vol. II. fol. 67.

The quhilk day, Archibald Dowglas of Kilspindy, prouest, Iohn Sym, Robert Fleming, Richard Carmichael, and Alexander Home, baillies, Iames Broun dene

of gild, Androw Murray of Blackbarony, Maister Iohne Prestoun, Maister Iames Lindesay, Eduerd Hoip, Iohne Spottiswod, Iames Carmichael, Adam Foulertoun, Alexander Achesoun, Iohne Symsoun, of the counsale, Maister Archibald Graham thesaurar, Cuthbert Dik visatour of the walkeris, Thomas Boyis visatour of the baxteris, Iohne Gilbert visatour of the goldsmythis, Nicoll Rynd visatour of the tailzeouris, Iohne Banx visatour of the hammermen, Thomas Clerksoun visatour of the skynaris, Gilbert Gray visatour of the masouns, Virgill Calder visatour of the wrychtis, Alexander Bruce visatour of the barbours, William Smyth visitour of the cordinaris, and William Mochry visatour of the wobstaris, vnderstandand that the haill burrowis of this realm ar hevely hurt be the compelling of thaim to bring hame bulzeon furth of vther cuntreis it beand inhibit thair, and als that thai ar inhibit nocht to send fisches furth of the realm without licence quhair thai war frie of befoir, and als be ane act maid anent the prices of wyne be the Secreit Counsale quhair the burrowis had the making of the priceis thairof befoir be act of parliament, and becaus thair is now at this tyme ane pairt of the commissionaris of borrowis in this burch desyrand the saidis hurtis to be remedit: thairfoir the saidis prouest baillies deane of gild counsale and visatouris of crafts consentit, and be the tenour heirof consentis, that thair be thre chosin as commissionaris of this burch to convene with the rest of the commissionaris of borrowis and consent that ane generall contributioun and propine of money be vpliftit of the haill borrowis and gevin to the Quenis grace to obtene the discharge of the saidis hurtis done to the borrowis anent the bulzeoun fische and wyne, and als that na sic ackis nor ordinancis to the hurt of the borrowis be maid in tyme cuming bot in parliament, providand alwayis that the said discharge be first obtenet and grantit; and to the effect foirsaid nemmis the prouest, William Craik, and Maister Iohne Prestoun, commissionaris, and ordanis thaim to grant to na soume in speciall quhill thai aduertis the counsale agane.

EDINBURGH, 24th January 1555.

27th January 1555.

The quhilk day the prouest, John Sym, Richard Carmichael, Alexander Home, baillies, dene of gild, thesaurar, and counsale, ratifyit Maister Iohne Prestoun and William Craik commissionaris for this burch to the effect specifyt in thair commissioun the xxiiij of Januar instant and ordanit tham to grant that four thousand merkis were contribute be the borrowis for the caussis specifiit in thair said commissionn and to na hiear sowme.

Anent the Commissioneris. Vol. II. fol. 67.

The quhilk day, in presens of Alexander Home, baillie, Iames Adamsoun and Alexander Achesoun askit instrumentis that thai disassentit to the act aboue written.

Protestatio. Achesoun, Adamsoun.

28th November 1556.

The quhilk day, Peter Thomson, Ila Herald, presentit the writting following

Extent of viij^{c} xxxiij li. vj s. viiij d. Vol. II. fol. 89.

EDINBURGH, 28th November 1556.

subscryuit be the Quenis grace to the [counsale] viz.:—Prowest bailzeis and counsall of Edinburgh, ze sall incontinent efter the sycht heirof convene this Setarday efter nwne and stent all the burrowis within this realme to the sowme of viij^{c} xxxiij li. vj s. viij d. for thair partis of the taxt of fyve thousand pundis grantit to ws the xiiij day of Nouembris last by past, and this ze fail nocht to do. Subscriuit with our hand at Edinburgh the xxviij day of Nouembris 1556. MARIE R.*

Quhilk beand [read the] baillies and counsale ordanit and maid the [extent] conforme to the auld rollis, viz.:—

1.	Edinbruch	ij^{c} viij li. vj s.	12.	Wigtoun	viij li. viij s. ix d.
2.	Streueling	xxij li. xiij d. ½.	13.	Quhithorn	viij li. viij s. ix d.
3.	Lynlythgow	xij li. xiij s. j d.	14.	Lanark	vij li. j d. ½.
4.	Rossa [Rothsay]	v li. iij s. vj d.	15.	Jedburch	viij li. viij s. ix d.
5.	Dunbartane	vij li. j d. ½.	16.	Selkirk	v li. xij s. vj d.
6.	Ramfrow	viiij li. viij d.	17.	Peblis	v li. xij s. vj d.
7.	Ruglene	v li. xij s. vj d.	18.	Heidingtoun	xxv li. vj s. iij d.
8.	Air	xix li. xiij s.	19.	Northberwik	lvij s. vj d.
9.	Irwin	xij li. v s.	20.	Dumbar	v li. xij s. vj d.
10.	Glasgow	xvj li. xvij s. vj d.	21.	Lawder	v li. xij s. vj d.
11.	Kirkcudbricht	viij li. viij s. ix d.	22.	Dumfreis	xiiij li. vj s. vjd.

Summa iiij^{c} xxij li. vj s. iiij d.

23.	Aberdene	iij^{xx} xviij li. xv s.	33.	Innernes	iiij li. v d.
24.	Dunde	j^{c} v li. ix s. iij d.	34.	Aberbrothok	xj li. v s.
25.	Peirth	iij^{x} j li. xvij s. vj d.	35.	Sanctandrois	xxv li.
26.	Banff	v li. xvj s. vj d.	36.	Cowper	xxij li. x s.
27.	Dunfermeling	viij li. viij s. ix d.	37.	Culane	lvij s. vj d.
28.	Craill	v li.	38.	Forres	vij li. j d. ½.
29.	Forfer	iiij li. iiij s. iiij d.	39.	Narne	lvij s. vj d.
30.	Breichin	xiiij li. v d.	40.	Thane	iiij li. iiij s. iiij d. ½.
31.	Montros	xxij li. x s.	41.	Dysart	ix li. xvj s. xd. ½.
32.	Elgyin	viij li. viij s. ix d.	42.	Kirkcaldy	v li. xij s. vj d.

Summa iiij^{c} xix li. xij s. vij d.

9th December 1556.

Anent the extent. Vol. ii. fol. 90.

The quhilk day, the prouest baillies and counsale ordanis the last extent to be collectit and ingadderit in this maner, the persouns that ar men to be wairdit quhill

* The original mandate of the Queen is preserved in the City's Archives.

thai pay the samyn, and gif thai be absent thair spoussis to be poyndet and thair poynds to be appryset incontinent, and this act to be extendet bayth vpoun craftismen and merchants. EDINBURGH, 22d June 1560.

22d June 1560.

The samyn day, the baillies and counsale ordanis billis to be direct to all the burrois of this realme requyring thame to send thair commissioneris to be heir the vj of Iulij nixt to treit vpoun the effairis of burrois, and ordanis Alexander Park thesaurer to depesche the samyn with delegence. Commissaris of Burrowis. Vol. iii. fol. 39.

5th March 1562-3.

The prouest baillies and counsale ordanis Maister Ihonne Prestoun, thesaurer, to content and pay to my lorde prouest for the expenssis of the banket preparit be him to the commissaris of burrowis, as the particular comptis thairof bure, auchtene pundis iij s. j d., quhilk salbe allowit to him, he payand the samin. Precept. Thesaurer. Vol. iv. fol. 63.

17th November 1564.

The prouest baillies and counsale ordanis missivis to be direct to all the burrois for convenyning of the commissaris thairof, for ressonying vpoun the effaris of merchanttis before the nixt parliament, and the thesaurer to mak the expenssis in directing thairof quhilk salbe allowit in his compttis. Theasurer. Vol. iv. fol. 116.

30th May 1565.

The quhilk day, the baillies and counsale ordanis Maister Ihonn Spens and Iames Barroun to pas to the conventioun laitlie to be haldin in Pearth, and thair to treit in the caussis of the kirk and commoun weill of this burch, and ordanis ane commissioun to be maid to thame *in vberiori forma* vnder the commoun seill, etc. Barroun. Spens. Vol. iv. fol. 129.

15th November 1565.

The samyn day, the prouest baillies and counsale ordanis ane conventioun of the hale burrois to be haldin in this burch the xxiij of Januer nixt, and ordanis billis to be send to thame to this effect, etc. Conventioun of burrois. Vol. iv. fol 141.

1st October 1566.

The samyn day, the provest bailles and counsall names and constitutis Iames Commissaris. Vol. iv. fol. 157.

EDINBURGH, 1st Oct. 1566.

Broun and Maister Ihone Prestoun thair commissioneris for the gude toun to convene with the burrowis afoir our soueranis, thair lordis, and commisseris of burrowis, in the chekker hous of this burch, and thair to treit deliuer and decerne anent all maner of thingis belangand to the vtilietie and proffeit of this realme and commoun weill of burrowis, and all vtheris thingis to do vse and exerce that thai micht do thameselfis in proper persoun, ferme and stabill haldand and for to hald all and quhatsumeuer the saidis commissioneris dois in the premissis.*

16th May 1567.

Commissaris. Vol. iv. fol 187.

The quhilk day, the baillies and counsall names Maister Robert Glen balle, Alexander Guthre commoun clerk, [and] Iames Barroun, thair commissaris to convene with the commissaris of burrowis to be convenit in Sanctandrois efter Trinitie mes nyxtocum, and gevis thame power to ressoun consent assent and conclude vpoun all thingis belanging to the weill of burrowes, and ordanis ane commis sioun to be gevin to thame vnder their seill of caus as vse is.

4th February 1568–9.

Commissiaries to Convention at Stirling. Vol. iv. fol. 231.

The quhilk day, the baillies and counsell nominatis and constitutis Iames Barroun, Iames Adamsoun, Alexander Clerk, and Iames Mosman, thair procuratouris, gevand thame full power and commissioun for thame and in thair namis to compeir in the conventioun appoyntit at Strieveling the ten day of Februar instant, and thair with the lordis of nobilitie and remanent burrowis to ressoun treit and conclude in sic thingis as sall be proponit thair, promissand to hald ferme and stabil, etc.; and ordanis Andro Stewinson, thesaurer, to refound thame the expensis quhilk it sall happin thame deburs in thair journay, and the sam salbe allowit in his comptis.†

17th February 1568–9.

Thesaurer. Villa. Vol. iv. fol. 231.

The samyn day, the baillies and counsell ordanis the thesaurer to delyuer to Iames Mosman, deburser of the expenssis of the commissaris send to Striveling to the conventioun thair appoyntit the tent of this instant Februar, the soume of fourtie sewin li. xv s. x d.†

27th July 1569.

Precept. Thesaurer. Vol. iv. fol. 243.

The same day, the baillies and counsale ordanis Androw Stevensoun, thesaurer,

* The convention to which these commissioners were appointed, was probably the Convention of Estates held at Edinburgh on 6th October 1566, at which a taxation of £12,000 was granted to "thair Majesteis for suppleing the expenses of the baptisme of thair derrest sone the native Prince of this realme." [Acta Parl. Scot., vol. II. App. 14, p. 607.]

† This was probably a Convention of the Estates, but no reference to it is made in the Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland.

to delyver to Iames Barroun and Alexander Guthre the sovme of fourtie pundis debursit be thame for the expensis and chairgis of thame thair seruandis and horses be the space of tuelf dayis at the convention haldin at Sanct Iohnstoun.* EDINBURGH, 23d Nov. 1569.

23d November 1569.

The baillies and counsall ordanis billis to be direct to the principall burrowis of this realme to convene in this toun the xx of December nixt for resonying vpoun the effairis of burrowis. Conventioun. Burrowis. Vol. iv. fol. 249.

26th May 1570.

The baillies and counsale ordanis the thesaurer to direct the townis missivis to all the burrowis, makand mentioun of the proclamatioun purchest be the Bischop of Glasgow in France, dischargeing the arriuing of Scottis schippis thair without the Quenis certificat, requyring thame to support the expenssis of ane man to be send thair for dischargeing of the said proclamatioun, and to report thair ansuer. Villa. Lettres, Messiuis. Vol. iv. fol. 256.

19th July 1570.

The samyn day, the commissiaris of burrois vnderwrittin, convenit at this present conventioun for electing of my Lord Erle of Levinex Regent, viz. :— Dauid Forster and Adam Foullertoun for Edinburgh, Andro Fleschour and Dauid Ramsay for Dunde, William Flemying and Ihonne Ogstoun for Perth, Robert Alexander and Ihonn Myller for Sterueling, Mathew Hereot and Thomas Ross for Glasquow, Ihonne Stewart for Air, William Scott for Irwyne, Richert Rutherfurd for Iedburch, and Ihonn Aytoun and Thomas Pontoun for Haddingtoun. It is statute that in the nixt conventioun the saidis commissaris, or vther that salbe chosin, bring with thame commissioun to propone ressoun and conclude vpoun the commoun weill of burrois, and statutis thairfor to mak, and in the meyntyme to put in writ sic thingis quhairby thay ar hurt, etc. Commissaris of borrois. Vol. iv. fol. 260.

22d December 1570.

The baillies and counsall, vizt., Ihone Sym Ihone Adamesoun and Mungow Fairlie, baillies, Adam Foullertoun dene of gyld, Dauid Forister, Maister Ihone Prestoun, Symone Marioribankis, Maister Mychaell Cheisholme, Ihone Harwood, Mungow Russall, Patrik Rig, Thomas Hendersoun, Iames Inglis, and Mungow Bradye, of the counsall, constitutis nominatis and ordanis Nicholl Vddart thesaurer, Adame Foullertoun dene of gyld, Maister Ihone Prestoun, and Alexander Guthre Commissaris. Thesaurer. Vol. iv. fol. 270.

* This was probably a Convention of the Estates, but no reference to it is made in the Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland.

EDINBURGH, 22d Dec. 1570.

thair commoun clerk, thair procuratoris and commissaris for thame and in thair names, with the remanent commissaris of borrois, to convene in the Ciete of Sanctandrois the fyft of Ianuar nixt, and thair with thame to treit, resone, and conclude vpoun the commoun effairis of borrowis, actis statutis or lawis to mak for the weill of the samyn, promesand ferme and stabill etc. And ordanis the said thesaurer to deburs the haill expenssis that sall be maid be thame, quhilk sall be allowit in his comptis.

30th March 1571.

Extent borrowis. Vol. iv. fol. 274.

The sam day, the baillies and counsale ordanis ane extent to be sett of twa thousand markis vpoun all the borrowis of this realme, for satefeing of Nycholace Vddert of the sowme debursit be him for the doun getting of ten soulz of the tun of wyne in Burdeaux, and for satefeing of Henrye Nysbet and Ihone Ferguisoun of thair rewaird and expenssis quhane thay war send to Ingland and France for obtenying libertie to the schippis to remane thair.

6th April 1571.

Extent xxiiij^{c} Markis. Vol. iv. fol. 274.

The baillies and counsall ordanis ane extent of the borrowis to be sett of xxiiij^{c} markis, for satefeing of Nycholl Vddart, Ihone Ferguisoun, Henrye Nisbet, and Thomas Aitkyneheid, conform to the ordinance befoir.

4th June 1574.

Conventioun Burrowis. Vol. v. fol. 19.

The same day the baillies and counsall ordains writtingis to be direct to all the burrowis for thair commissaris to be send heir the xx of this instant Junij, for ressonning concerning the commissionis to be send to the Quene of Ingland for stopping the piracie in hir watteris, the commissioun to be send to the Prince of Orange, and the commissioun to be send to the King of Denmerk.

30th March 1575

Precept thesaurer. Bancatt. Vol. v. fol. 62.

The baillies and counsale ordains Mongow Russell theasurer to pay and deliuer to Jonet Tod the soume of twenty merkes for the banket maid at thair command to the haill commissaris of burrowes, after the completing of the extent of the bulzeoun,* and the samyn salbe allowit in his comptis.

* On 4th March 1575, see printed Records of the Convention, vol. I., pp. 45-49.

EDINBURGH, 4th June 1574.

19 October 1575

Villa, Hacquet. Conservatour Vol. v. fol. 54

The quhilk day the persons vnderwritten being convenit in the tolbuyth of this burgh for thair avyse and counsall to be had with the commissaris of burrowes concerning the ordour that salbe taken with my lord Regentis grace, for eschewing the danger contenit in the lettres raisit vpoun the haill merchantis of this realme for non payment of the boulzeoun, off quhilkis persones the names follow viz.,—commissaris for Edinburgh, Nicolas Vduart, James Ros, and Alexander Guthrie; for Sterveling Robert Forester provest; for Dondy, James Lovell, Robert Kyd; for Couper, Jhonn Jamesoun; for Glasgow James Flemyng, George Elphinestoun; for Montros, Robert Clark; for Dunfreis, Harbert Rany and Thomas Makmynneis; for Air, George Hamyltoun; for Hadingtoun, David Forres and Jhonn Seytoun; for Wigtoun, William Gordon, John Mertyne; for Dunfermling Jhonn Boiswell; for Lawder, Gilbert Lauder; for Kingorn Robert Cunninghame, Jhonn Kirkcaldy; for Dunbar, Cuthbert Kelly; for Jedburgh (*blank*) Ruthefarde provost, and the remanent commissairs of burrowis being convenit together with the merchantis burgessis of Edinburgh after following.

[*Follows a list of forty-one names.*]

Villa, Regent. Bulzeoun.

Efter long resouning as saidis concerning the boulzeoun concludes and delyueris that thay wil be content and grant to be gevin to my lord Regentis grace for discharge of the boulzeoun in all times bygane and during the time of his regiment, to be vplifted of the haill burrowis of this realme be common extent, efter the auld rollis the sovme of ten thousand merkis, the ane half thairof to be payit at Witsonday nixt the vther half at the feist of Witsonday nyxt thairefter, and nominates and makis Jhonn Arnytt, Mr Michaell Chesholme, Robert Kar, Alexander Guthre, thair commissairs in this cais, gevand thame full powar and commission the said sovme to offer to my lord Regentis grace and for the samyn to aggrie; promesand ferme and stabill etc., and ordains ansueir to be reported.

28th October 1575

Regent, Bulzeoun.

The quhilk day, the commissaris befoir written, together with James Ros the provest of Sterveling, efter resoning with my lord Regentis grace concerning the offer abovewrittin, the samyn is refusit.

The samyn day, the baillies and counsall with the commissaris of burrowes, efter resoning with Maister George Hacket thair conseruatour, disassentis to appoint ony certane place for thair staipill quhill they be forther avysit; and because the said Maister George is disappointit of his stepend, they grant and geve vnto him for sustening of his chairges ane schilling greit of euery sek of gudes quhilk sall arryve in the partis of Flanderis, by and attour tua stures of the sek he had of auld, the first payment to begyn of the first schippis that sall arryve in Flanderis, and to

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endure vnto Whitsonday j^m v^c lx sevintene zeris and na langer, and fra thine to ceis and expyr and be of nane effect with[out] the new consent of the burrois of this realme or maist part thereof in maner foresaid be had and obtenit thairto; and ordanis the said Maister George to poynd and distrenze at his plesour be him self and his officeris sa aft as neid sall requyre; and the saidis commissaris ordanis the extract heirof to be gevin to the said Maister George vnder the subscriptioun of Alexander Guthrie common clerk of Edinburgh for his securatie.

23d January 1575

Vol. v. fol. 59 Bulzeoun. taxt, x^m pundis.

The quhilk day, Jhon Arnot, Robert Kar, commissaris of the burgh of Edinburgh; Richart Blythe and Peter Clayhillis, commissaris of the burgh of Dondy; William Fleming commissar of the burgh of Perth; Patrick Glasfurde commissar of the burgh of Cowpair; Jhonn Auchtmowty and Androw Cowane commissaris of Stirveling; Robert Clare and Robert Lichtoun commissaris of Montros, chosin be the haill commissaris of burrowis to appoynt and aggrie with my lord Regentis grace for discharge of the bulzeoun in all tymes bygane and during the time of his regiment, as at lenth is contenit in thair act maid in the conventioun buke of burrowis of the dait abovewrittin,* appoyntis and agreis with his Grace to geve him the sovme of ten thousand pundis to be payit within zeir and day, and to be vplifted be ane generall taxt of the haill burrowis.

Guddis pilleit.

The samyn day, the commissaris of burrowis vnderstanding that dyueris merchanttis cuming frome Flanderis to this realme war pilleit be the way be certain piratis, and seing be all apperance and in respectt of the continuance of the weris in France and Flanderis, oppin piracie and reif be sea lyke to continew, thay statute and ordane that in all tymes cuming quhen ony schippis sal happin to be pilleit or gudes castin be storme of wether for saiftie of lyfe and gudes, that the schip and gudes saif sall scatt and loit taxt and stent for the releif of the pilleit gudes, and euery main skipper and vther to beir equall pairt according to the valour of the thing they posses vpon the sey at that tyme, and gif the skipper, merchant, or company refusis, thay ordane the provest and baillies of the burghis, maisteris of the portis and haivinis, quhair thay schippis sall arryve to compell the merchant, skipper and vtheris being in the said schip to grant and set the said stent, wtherwyes they to set the samyn conforme to euery mannis wairing, the availl of schip and gudes thairintill and to arreist, poynd, and distrenzie thairfor as thay sall think best.

12th November 1578.

Appointment. Burrowis. Campheir. Vol. v. fol. 116.

The samyn day in presens of the provest baillies and counsell, comperit Henry Nesbett burges of this burgh, commissioner for the Merchant estait of this realme

* Printed Records of Convention, vol. I. p. 42.

laitlie efter his arryval from the partis of Flanderis and producit and delyverit the appoyntment and conclusionn taikin with the tovne of Campfeir for placing of our staipill thair, writtin in pairchemet, in the Frenche tong, vnder the common seill of the said tovne quhilk [being] weill accepted and his diligence allowit, they ordane the samyn to be delyverit to the commoun clerk to remane in thair register, and the samyn to be transumed and delyverit to all the burrowis of this realme desyrous thairof, vpoun thair resonable expenssis.

EDINBURGH, 23d Jan. 1575.

3d December 1578

The quhilk day, the kingis maiesteis writting directit vpone the bak to the burgh of Edinburgh, off the quhilk the tennour followis:—Burgh of Edinburgh we greit zow welle. Our nobilitie and counsale laitlie heir convenit nocht thinking thame selfiis a sufficient nomber to deliberat and tak finall ordour in syndrie wechty materis concerning our estate and the commoun quietnes of our realme, it is thairfoir thocht conveinent be ws [with] thair aduise that a gede nummer of our haill estaites salbe heir convenit wpoun the xv day of Januar nixtocum, to the quhilk day we desyr zow that ze will nocht faill to send your commissioneris that the materis resting vnresoliut may be then deliberat vpoun be commoun consent and guide awyse of our haill estaitis that salbe present. This we commit zow to God. At our Castell of Striueling the xxiij day of November 1578. Sic subscribitur JAMES R. Quhilk writting red and consideerit, ordanis certane discreit men maist qualefeit of thair counsell to keip the appointit day aboue written, and commissioun to be giffin to thame according to the ordour, and in the mene tyme ordanis sum of the said counsell to be sent to Striueling to his Hienes and lordis of Secreit Counsell lamenting the hurt done to the estait of burrowis and in speciall the setting of the lait taxt set furth for repressing of the inobedient subiectis wpone the Bordouris send with the Lord Ruthuen, his hienes louiftennent.

Commissaris Striueling. Vol. v. fol. 118

The samyn day Archiebauld Stewart, provest, disasentis to the lettres sent be deliuerance and actis of the lordis of Secreit Counsell wnder his Hienes signet, insafer as the samin ar preiudiciall to the estait of merchantis contrair the tennour of the actis of parliament, and protestit for remeid quhen tyme and place sall serve; zit nochttheless fand guid the extent for the pairt of this burgh to be gatherit and inbrocht and had in redines, zit nocht to be deliuerit befoir the commissaris of burrowis wer forder hard; and Gilbert Dik, baillie, protestit inlykmaner, and thai ordane the saidis lettres to be registrat, of the quhilk the tennour followis: JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis, to the Provest and Baillies of our burgh of Edinburgh, and to our lovittis Williame Porteous, messingeris, oure schereffis in that pairt, coniunctlie and seuerallie specialie constitute, greting: Forsamekle as our peicable and guid subiectis of our realme, inhabiting the cuntreis ewest our bordouris, ar heivylie oppressit be the stouthisreiffis and vtheris enormiteis of the thevis and brokin men duelland wpoun the saidis bordouris, as alsua be thair frequent ryding and incursiouns in Ingland without redres, the peax betuix the

Protestatio. Preposito et Dyk.

EDINBURGH, 3d Dec. 1578.

realmes sa endangerit that without spedie remeid it may be the occasioun of mony and gryit inconveniencis, and sen experience has declairit that nocht onlie ane present repressing of the thevis is requisit bot sum ordinar force to be employit for ane certane space to repres sic fugitiue and owtlawis as may lay out efter the ordour takin thairfoir. For suppoirting of the chairges to be maid thairanent the Estaitis convenit hes willinglie grantit ane taxatioun of tuelf thousand pundis money of our realme to be payit betuix and the first day of Januar nixtocum, that is to say, four thousand thre hundreth threscoir sex punds xiij s. iiij d. be the Spirituall estait; four thousand thre hundreth threscoir sex pundis xiij s. iiij d. be the Barronis and fre halderis; twa thousand ane hundreth threscoir seiventein pundis xv s. vj d. twa pairts of a penny be our Borrowis; and ane thousand four scoir aucht pundis xvij s. ix d. twa pairts of a penny, in compleit payment of the said taxatioun, be the fewaris tenentis and occupiaris of our propertie; and for inbringing of our burrowis pairt of the said taxatioun our vtheris lettres ar direct quhairwith the provest and baillies of ilk burgh ar chargit to mak payment of the taxt and extent thairof to our traist cowsing and counsallour William Lord Ruthven our thesaurer and collectour generall of the said taxatioun, betuix and the first day of Januar nixtocum; for quhais relief Our will is and we chairge zow straitlie and commandis that incontinent thir our lettres sein ye pasand in our name and authorite command and chairge all and syndrie the inhabitantis of the saidis burrowis to convene and elect certane persones to stent thair nychtbouris, and thairefter that ye command and chairge the personis electit to accept the chairge vpone thame in setting of the said stent wpoun the inhabitantis of ilk burgh and to convene and sett the samin and mak ane stent roll thairvpoun as efferis within xxiiij houris nixt efter they be chairgeit be zow thairto wnder the pane of rebellioun and putting of thame to our horne and eschet and inbring all thair movable guidis to our vse for thair contemptioun, and the said extent being set that ye in our name and authorite command and chairge the burgessiss, nychtbouris and inhabitantis of the samin, to mak payment of thair pairtis of the said extent to our saidis prouest and bailleis conforme to the said taxt roll to be maid and gevin out thairvpone, within the space of thre dayis nixt efter thai be chairgeit be zow thairto, vnder the said pane of rebellion and putting of theme to our horne. And gif they failze thairin, the saidis thre dayis being bypast, that ye incontinent thairefter denunce thame our rebellis and put thame to our horne and escheit and inbring all thair movabel guidis to our vse for thair contemptioun, and gif neid be that ye poind and distrenze thairfoir as ye will answer to ws thairvpone; the quhilk to do we commit to zow coniuctlie and seweralie our full power be thir our lettres, deliuering thame be zow deulie execut and indorsat agane to the berar. Gevin under our signet at our Castell of Striueling the fyiftene day of November and of our regine the twelft zeir, 1578. Sic subscribitur Per actum Secretj Consilij.

8th December 1578

Lieutenent. Vol. v. fol. 120.

The quhilk day, the prouest bailleis and counsell ordanis missive billis to be

direct with all diligence to Perth, Dundie, Abirdene, Couper in Fyfe, Lynlithgow, Striueling, Air, Irving, Dumfreis, to send thair commissioneris to convene with the commissioneris of Edinburgh befoir the kingis Maiestie and lords of Secreit Counsell for ressonyng wpone the lettres befoir writtin, grantit to my lord Ruthven, thesaurer, and for resing of the taxt of twelf thousand pund grantit by the auise of the Estaitis contrair the act of parliament and to meit thair the xx of this instant. EDINBURGH, 3d Dec. 1578.

17th December 1578.

The samyn day, the provest bailleis and counsell ordanis Andro Stewinsone thesaurar, to direct the townis wryttyingis to Kingorne for thair pairt of the said stent extending to thrie of the hundreth, and to Innerkeithing for thair pairt of the said extent extending to twa punds of the hundreth, and that he do the amin with diligence as he will ansuer wpoun hes vttermest chairge. Chairge Stewinson Vol. v. fol. 122.

18th December 1578.

The quhilk day Archiebauld Stewart provest, Williame Adamsone, Gilbert Dik, bailleis, Lucas Wilsoun dene of gild, Andro Stevinsone thesaurer, Alexander Vddert, Robert Ker, Johne Robertsone, Williame Litle, James Ros, Dauid Williamsone, Maister Johne Prestoun, Henrye Charterous, Thomas Akinheid, Adame Craig, of the counsell, the deakonis of the baxteris, barboris, cordiners tailzeoris, skynneris masonis, goldsmythis, walkaris, wobsteris, bonnetmakkeris, and fleschouris, efter avisement that this xx of this instant December wes appoyntit for sending of certane commissioneris of burrowis to the Kingis Maiestie and his Hienes Secreit Counsell in Striueling, for ressonning vpoun certane wrangis allegeit downe to the estait of burrowis contrair the acts of parliament, amongis quhome thai nominat makis constitutis and ordanis thair weilbelouffittis Robert Ker zounger Henrye Nisbet Henrye Charterous and James Inglis skinner thair procuratouris actoris factoris speciall errand berars and commissaris for this burgh gevand thame coniunctlie and seuerale full commissioun in *communi forma*, etc., and ordanis the samin to be seilit vnder the seill of caus and subscryuit be thair commoun clerk as vse is quhairat thai obleist to abyde, etc Commissionaris, Striveling. Vol. v. fol. 122.

The samin day, the provest bailleis counsell and deaconis foirsaid eftir thair humele commendatioun of seriuce and obedience to the Kingis Maiestie and Loirdis foirsaidis ordanis thame to present thair supplicatioun vnderwritten and forder to vse thame according to the restructionis and informationis ressauit fra the said commoun clerk in thair presence of the quhilk the tennour followis :—Vnto the Kingis Maiestie and Lordis of His Hienes Secreit Counsell maist humelie menis the commissaris of burrowis of this your Maiesteis realm for thame selffis and the haill estaitis of burrowis foirsaidis desyring to be hard and restored to thair

EDINBURGH, 18th Dec. 1578.

ancient previliegis quhairintill thai and thair predicessouris past memor of man hes bene in peciable possessioun as ane of zour Hienes estaitis groundit wpone guid lawis actis of parliament privielegis and fredomes but impediment, quhill now of lait as we haive understand be zour Maiesteis lettres laitlie ressauit for furthsetting of ane taxt granted for the furnesing of the companies ordanit to ryde fordwart with zour Maiesties lieutennant to the bordouris of this zour realm for the caussis contenit in the saidis lettres, in setting of the quhilk taxt we juge our selffis to be greitlie hurt insafer as the samin was sett by our awyce and consent neiur requiyrit thairto it being sufficientlie provydit be the actis of parliament foirsaid granted to ws be zour Hienes predicessouris of guid memorie that fywe or sex of the principallis provest eldermen and bailleis of burrowis of this zour Hienes realm sall in all tymes to cum be wairnit to all conventionis that suld happin to be concludit on peax or weir with quhatsumeuir zour hienes confedderatis or inimmies or making or granting of generall taxatiounis of this realme and that zour hienes counsall sall nocht concluid nor decerne vpoun peax or weir or taxatiounis forsaidis without fyve or sex of the principallis provest aldermen or baillies of burrowis be wairnit thairto lauchfullie as efferis as at lenth is contenit in the act of parliament haldin at Edinburgh be the Quene with the awyce of the thre estaitis of zour realm the feird day of Junij the zeir of God j^{m} v^{c} thre scoir thre zeiris to the quhilk taxatioun be that ordoir as it is granted we can nocht glaidlie consent insafer as we ar preiugit be that ordour Beseiking zour Maiestie and lordis forsaidis that we be nocht burdenit with that taxt befoir we be forder hard in that and sic wther thingis as we are hurt, assureing zour Maiestie and lordis, quhatsumeuir thing sallbe thocht guid for the commoun weill of this zour realme we salbe fund als willing thairto as ony wther of zour estait is, our privieliegis and fredomes being keipt to ws as said is quhilk we haive nocht seruit at ony tyme heirtofoir to be takin from ws, as the experience of our seruices in tymes past may testifie And forder we humlie crave that the beraris hereof may be hard in sick wther thingis as thay haif in commission to propone ; and zour grace and lordshipis ansuer we humle desyr.

Protestatio. Kar, Nysbet, Charterous, Commissaris. Vol. v. fol. 123.

The samyn day, forsamckle as at the commandment eirnist requeist and desyr of of the provest bailleis counsell and deaconis forsaid the saidis Robert Ker Henrye Nisbet Henrye Charterous and James Inglis had acceptit the commissioun and procuratioun befoir mentionat toward the kingis maiestie and lordis of Secreit Counsell in Striueling conforme to the instructionis giffin to thame vnder this protestatioun incais it happinnit thame or onie ane of thame to be trublit wairdit or huirt in thair body or guidis for the caussis giffin thame in commissioun vnto the tyme ane particular cause be tryit aganis thame deulie as efferis, than and in that cais the saidis provest bailleis counsall and deaconis obleisis thame and thair successouris to content pay and refound to thame all costis skaithis and damnages quhilk it salhappin thame to sustene other in body or guidis quhill tryell be tane as said is and this present act to endure quhill forder ordour be taikin.

EDINBURGH, 18 Dec. 1578.

26th Decembēr 1578.

Ordour for the Lord Ruthven Extent. Vol. v. fol. 124.

The quhilk day, in presence of the provest bailleis counsell and deaconis comperet Robert Ker zounger Henrye Charterous Henrye Nisbet and James Inglis skynner commissaris for this burgh laitlie send to Struieling with diuerss wytheris commissaris of this realme for ressonying with the Kingis Maiestie and Lordis of his Secreit Counsell tuiching the extent laitlie grantit be thame without auise of the merchand estait etc., for the furnesing of certane hoirsmen, with the Lord Ruthven, Leuftennent, for ordering of the Bordouris, thay producit ane act and ordinance of the saidis Lordis for thair ansuer, of the quhilk the tennour followis, and desyrit the samin to be registrat for thair warrand: Apud Castrum de Striueling xxiij° Decembris anno doinini j^{m} v^{c} lxxviij°: Forsamekle as it being considderit be the Kingis Maiestie and estaitis convenit vpone the elevenit day of October last bypast how the peciable and guid subjectis of this realme inhabiting the cuntreis ewest the Bordouris wer hawelie oppressit be the stouthis reiffis and vtheris enormiteis of the thevis and brokin men duelland upoun the saidis Bordouris as alsua how be thair frequent ryding and incursionis in Ingland without redres, the peace betuix the twa realmes wes sa indengerit that gif spedie remeid had nocht bene prouidit mony and greit inconvennientis wes able to haif follovit: thairfoir proclamationis wer direct commanding our souerane Lordis liegeis duelland within diuers Sherefdomes of this realme to convene at certane places and dayis bypast for pursuit of the saidis thevis and brokin men and reduceing of thame to his Maiesties obedience as at mair lenth is contenit in the proclamationis direct theirvpone, nochtwithstanding if being considderit thairefter how irksum and panefull it wes to his hienes liegeis to travell in this seasoun of the zeir and thair gryit chairges and expenssis that thairvpoun wald follow, thairfoir for thair ease and releif it was thocht guid and agreit vpoun be the estaitis convenit for the tyme, that ane generall taxatioun sould be collectit and tane up for intertenyng of ane ordinair force to be employit for a certane space on the saidis bordouris, quhilk taxt albeit it be grantit for guide and necessarie caussis tending to the commoun quietnes of this realme quhilk mycht ressaue na delay, zit it is complenit vpoune alsweill in name of the spirituall estait as be the barronis and commissionaris of sum burrowis, that the forme in making and granting of the said taxt wes nocht vsit and obseruit conforme to the actis of parliament, howbeit at the tyme of the making thairof it wes na wayis menit that the samin sould onywayis preiudge ony estait of this realme in thair liberteis and priueliegis nor zit injure ony propertie heireftir bot onelie for relief of the present necessitie, case of his hienes guid subjectis, and eschewing of a gritter danger that vtherwayis mycht follow be delay, and thairfor for the bettir satiffactioun of all estaitis of personis the Kingis maiestie with auise of the lordis of Secreit Counsale decernis, and declaris that the forme in granting and making of the said generall taxatioun is nor sal nawayis be interpreit as preparatiue, innovatioun or dirigatoun of the forme and ordour appointit be the saidis actis of parliament, nor zit that the samin sall on nawyis be hurtfull or pre-

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iudiciall of the liberteis and priulegis of ony of the estaitis of this realme, bot the samin actis to staind in full strenth force and effect and to haif executioun in all tymes cumming as efferis. Extractioun de libro actorum S. D. N. R. Secreti Consilij per me Johannem Andro clericum deputatem eiusdem, sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus. Et sic subscribitur, JOHANNES ANDRO.

15th May 1579.

Villa Henry Nesbet. Vol. v. fol. 151.

The copy of the writing betwix the gud toun and Henry Nesbet followis: My lordis prouest baillies and counsall, vnto zour lordschippis humlie menis zoure seruitour and nychtbour Henry Nesbet, that forsamikle as I haue oft and sindrie tymes meint me vnto zour lordschippis to haue had respect and consideratioun of my greit expenssis and charges quhilk I sustenit in wairde for zour lordschippis seruice, and now last on my passing to Streveling at zour lordschippis command and zour lordschippis seruice, I mene me lykwayis vnto zow quha willis me to continow in my guid seruice, and at my returning vpoun my supplicatioun to zour lordschippis, zour lordschippis sould haue consideratioun and respect to my los and skaith with tynsall of my tyme; quhairfore I maist humle beseik zour lordschippis to considder my ressonable desire, to the effect that at the leist my expenssis may be rembursit to me, quhilk extendis mair nor twa hundreth twentie and sax poundis, and zour lordschippis answer heirintill maist humilie I beseik.

[Anent Henry Nesbet.] Vol. v. fol. 152.

The quhilk day, the provest baillies and counsale efter specifeit to wit Archibald Stewart, prouest, &c. efter lang reasouning at sundrie dayis and tymes vpoun the former spplicatioun presentit vnto thame be Henry Nesbet burges of this burgh, and haifing respect to his gude trew and thankfull serwice done to the gude toun at diuers and syndrie tymes and for his greit charges and lose of tyme sustenit be him in wairde us at mair lenth is contenit in his said former supplicatioun, concludis decernis and ordanis that at the nixt conventioun of burrowis or general counsale thai sall interpone thair haill power to the fortherance of this the complaintis reasonabill desyirt at the burrois handis, and incace of refusale or delay be the saidis burrowis, in respect of his perticular seruice done to the gude toun at all tymes quhen he was requirit thairto, the saidis prowest baillies and counsall foirsaidis bindis and obleissis thame and thair successouris to rewaird and recompense the said Henrie reasonabillie to his satisfactioun, and ordanis thair commoun clerk, Alexander Guthre, to register this present act and ordinance in thair counsale buik with the said Henreis supplicatioun, and to gif him the extract heirof vnder and subscription manuall, for the said Henreis assurance and warrand, etc.

6th October 1579.

The tennour of the act granted to Henry Nesbett, Alexander Vduartt,

and certain vther nychtbouris, quhilk war put in preson in the Castellis of Dumbertan, Doun in Monteith, and Palace of Linlithgow, the tyme of the Erle of Monton's Regenschip

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The quhilk day, the provest baillies and counsall new and auld, together with the haill dekinis of craftis, ordanis the act efter following to be registrat in thair counsall buke, and the autentik extract thairof gevin to the personis efter mentionat: The quhilk day the provest baillies and counsall befoir writtin having respect and consideratioun of the supplicatioun maid vnto thame be Nicolas Vduart, Alexander Vduart, William Naiper, William Littile, Jhonn Moreson, Thomas Aikinheid, and Henry Nesbett, lamenting and schawing the greitt expenssis and chairgis quhilk they sustennit being in waird in the Castellis of Dumbartan, Doun in Monteith, and Palace of Linlithgow, and that for the tounis seruice and common privilegis of burrowis, and for na particular offence committed be thame as they vnderstand, and thairfoir efter lang resonying vpoun thair resonabill desyr it was concludit decernit and thocht gude according to resoun equitie and gude conscience that they suld be recompanset of thair chairges and expenssis, and to thatt effect the gude tovne suld be suters at the nixt convention of the burrowis to se gif thair expenssis mycht be agreit to be the saidis commissionaris, seing thair trubill was for mantening of the common liberties of burrowis, and incais of refusall or delay be the saidis commissioneris at the nixt conventioun, in that case the saidis provest baillies counsall and dekynis byndis and oblesis thame and thair successouris to rewaird and recompence the saidis personis respectiue to thair satisfactioun, and ay and quhill they and thair successouris tak ordour with thame for thair saidis chairges ar content and consentis that quhat stentt or taxatioun salbe laid on thame it salbe lesum to the saidis persones to retene the samyn in thair awin handis being out of office, provyding awayes that at quhat tyme the saidis provest bailies counsall and dekynis or thair successouris sall saitefie thame as saidis quhatsumeuir sovmes of money salhappen to be amang thair handis of thair saidis awin stentis or taxationis salbe the first allowit and deducit, and ordanis as said is the autentik copy heirof to be gevin to thame vnder the subscriptioun of thair clark.

Villa. Nychtbouris emprissonit in the Castellis of Dumbartan, etc. Vol. v. fol. 167.

[*The following note is written on the margin:—*]

xx° Nouembris. In presence of William Harvy, and James Nicoll, bailzie, James Ros thesaurer, William Fairlie, Jhonn Bannatyne, George Heriott, thir personis renuncit and dischairget this act conform to ane in the counsall buik of the day and dait heirof.

Henry Nisbett	William Neper
Nicolas Wduart	Jhonne Moresoune
Alex^r. Wduartt	Wm. Litill

14th October 1579

Conuention. Burrowis, Counsalhous. Vol. v. fol. 169.

The quhilk day, Alexander Clark, provest, Robert Kar, John Adamsoun, Henry

EDINBURGH, 6th Oct. 1579.

Nesbett, and William Littill, ballies, Lucas Wilsoun dene of gild, Rychart Abircrumby, John Johnston, Gilbert Dik, William Fairlie, Robert Kar, James Forman, and John Wilky, of the counsale, fyndis thair counsallhous suld be prepairit to the conventioun of burrowis, and nane vtheris during the tyme of parliament to have access thairto, and the baillies to tak ordour heirwith

18th November 1579

Villa. Conservatour. Stryling. Vol. v. fol. 175.

The samyn day, Henry Nesbett baillie, presentit ane writing direct to the gude tovne from the Conseruatour, bering ane ansuer of thair bill sent to him in September last in name of the commissioneris of burrowis, quhilk they ordane thair clerk to keip and have in radynes agane the nixt conventioun of burrowis

19th February 1579.

Villa, Commissioners to the Convention of Burrowes in Glasgow Vol. vi. fol. 19.

The samyn day, the provest bailles and counsall forsaids, namis and constitutes Henry Nesbett baillie, Ihonn Arnot and Henry Chartours, or ony twa of thame, thair very lawful and vndowted and irrewocabill procuratours actours doaris and commismissioners in thair namis, to compeir in the toune of Glasgow in the conuention of burrowis to be haldin and begun the xxiiij of this instant, and thair to resoun intreit and conclude with the remanent commissioners of burrowis in all thingis concerning the weill of burrowis and estait of merchantis, as salbe proponit in the said conventioun, promesand to hald ferme and staibill, &c. And because it has oftymes cum to pas that dyueris of the nychtbouris of this burgh being zelous truist and cairfull of the weil thairof, neuirtheles in steid of recompance of thair gude willis and seruice hes been molested and troublit in thair bodies and gudes to thair havy dampnage and skaith, for the quhilk they have resauit na recompance nor gude deid: for remeid thairof, and that na person salhave occasioun to fall from thair formar zeill and commoun weill of this burgh for feir and lois of their gudes, bot rather to be instigat and be all meanis possabill provokit to continew thairintil conform to thair bondin dewtie: Thairfor the saidis provest baillies and counsall hes be thir presentis statute and ordaint, that gif it sallhappin ony pairt the saidis commissioneris quhilkis are presentlie to pas to the said conuentioun in the commoun effaires of this burgh, or zit ony vther persoun ane nychtbour and burges of this burgh, or vthers at ony tyme heirefter, to be imprisonit trublit or onyways molested be supreme power or authorities in thair bodies lands or gudes, that the samyn salbe haldin repute and estemit as the townis awin proper actioun and cause; and the saidis provost baillies and the counsall be the tenour heirof bondis and oblesis thame selues and thair successours nocht only to fortifie and assist the saidis personis troublit as said is with thair bodies landis and guidis, and to travell laubour and procure thair relief and friedome gif it happinis

thame to be imprisonit as said is, bot als to refound content and pay to thame and thair airis all and quhatsomever expensis dampnages and interes it salhappin thame or ony of thame to mak or sustene during thair saidis troublis, as they or thair airis sall geve vp and mak faith the saidis dampnages and expenssis to extend to, vpon thair consciences, and to that effect ather to cause the haill tovne contribute thairto or to refound the samyn of the rediest of the common gudes of this burgh as best sall pleis the pairtie troublit as said is; and forther be resoun that the troubling and molesting of the saidis nychtbouris hes bene and may happin to be cullourit with the titill of ane private cryme or offence, quhenas the samyn in veritie is done for the commoun cause, the saidis provest baillies and counsall willis and grantis that the samyn salbe haldin and repute to have bene done for na wther bot for ane zealous favour they had to the weill of the gude tovne, and that ay and quhill they happen to be tryit and conuict be ordour of law for the same as for thair awin privat cryme or dimerites, and quhill the samyn be done the saidis provest baillies and counsall and thair successouris to be haldin to refound thair coistis dampnages and expenssis in maner forsaid. EDINBURGH, 19th Feby. 1578-9.

The samyn day, the provest baillies and counsall forsaidis ordanis ane ampill commissioun to be formit to thair saidis commissioneris to be seillit with thair seil of cause and subscryvit be thair principall clark as vse is, and ordeans thair thesaurer to delyuer to thame the sovme of thre scoir pundis vpon compte, for making of thair, John Guthrie, and thair seruandis expenssis during thair remaning at the said conuentioun, andthe samyn salbe allowit to him in his comptes. Precept, thesaurer. Commissioners.

Wednisday, 23rd March 1579.

The quhilk day, Ihonn Adamesoun, William Litill, Henry Nesbett, bailles, etc . . . being convenit in the counsalehous, fyndis be the particulare compt exhibit before thame be Henry Nesbett baillie for himself and in name of Henry Charteris, commissioners for the gude toun in the last conventioun of burrowes at Glasgow that the expenssis maid be thame and Ihone Guthre vpon thame selffis, seruandis, and hors, in the said toun, and in Stirling, in the townis effairis, extendis to the sowm of threscoir ane pund twelf penneis, swa the sam exceidis the sowm contenit in the precept direct to the thesaurer of befor for thair expenssis quhilk extendit to lx li. in twenty ane schillings, and ordanis the thesaurer to refound the same to the said Henry and the same sall be allowit in his compts Precept, thesaurer, Commissioners. Vol. vi. fol. 27.

Wednisday, 4th May 1580.

The quhilk day, Ihoun Adamesoun &c., ordanis missues to be direct to the haill burrowes of this realme, requeisting them to make payment to the berers of the saidis missiues in name of the guid toun, euerie ane of thair pairtis as the sam Missiues, Burrowes, Precept, thesaurer, Vol. vi. fol. 40.

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is taxt and sett to of the sowme of j^{m} lĩ. grantet be the burrowes in thair last conventioun at Glasgow for ramburs̃ing to the guid towne and thair thesaurer of the sowmes of money avancet be thame at the burrowes commands to Adame Fullertoun for making his chairges in England, and sic vtheris efferis of the burrowes as in the act maid at the said convention is contenit, and the expenssis of the saidis missiues to be allowit to the thesaurer in his compts, and ordanis the said thesaurer to pay to James Roger, seruitour to thair common clerk, the sowme of twenty shillings of drinksiluer in writting and haistlie dispescheing of the said lettres, and the same sall be allowet to him in his compts.

Roger. Precept. Thesaurer.

Fryday, 13th May 1580

Nesbet. Eley. Lord Oliphant. Vol. vi. fol. 43.

The quhilk day, Alexander Clerk of Balbirny provest, &c., appontyis and nominats Henry Nesbett baillie to pas and convene the xx day of May instant in the toun of Sanctandrois, in name of the gud town, with the remanent commissioneris of burrowes appoyntit in the last conventioun of burrowes to visie and sicht the heavin and harbary begun to be bigget in the island of Eley be the laird of Ardro and thair, after sicht thairof, to intreat and concur theirvpoun as wes ordanit and agreit in the said conventioun, gevand the said Henry thair full power and commissioun as the remanent nychtbouris and burrowes appoyntet to convene as said is sall haif, and ordanis alswar the said Henry to pas to my lord Oliphant be the way, and in place of Ihone Mayne to intreat with him as wes injonit to the said Ihone anent the benefice of Dumbarny and minister thairof

Mononday, 22d August 1580.

Commissio, Charteris, Stirling. Vol vi. fol 65-66.

The quhilk day, Henry Nesbett, &c., names, constitutes, Henry Charters their commissioner actour procuratour and doar, with power to pas to Stirling and thair to concur with the remanent commissioners of burrowes anent all things concerning thair estaitt, and siclyke to defend in the cause persewit before the Secreitt Counsale be the mairners of this realme aganis the burrowes and commissioners thairof, for dischairgeing of the actis of burrowes anent the scatting for pilleit guidis as alswa for to fortifie defend and assist the nychtbouris of Renfrew in thair caus persewet thair gainis the toun of Glasqu and generalle, etc. And ordanis ane lettre to be maid to him heir vpoun vnder their signet.

2d December 1580.

Anent the executioun of

The same day, etc., comperit James Nicoll baillie and Henry Charterous merchand, quha wes commissioners for this burgh in the last conventoun of burrowes halden at Aberdene, and exponit and declaret quhow that thair wes diuers of the acts of

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certane acts of burrowes. Vol vi. fol 101.

the said conventioun referrit and ordanitt to be cawset putt to executioun be this burgh, and thairfore to discharge thair dewty, and for the weill of the haill estaitt of burrowes and honour of this burgh, desyret that na langer tyme wer owerslippet bot that the saidis actis wer red considerit and spedely executt: quhilk desyre being thocht maist resonabill the saidis prowest baillies and counsale cawset reid the said acts and the same being ryple considerit swa far as wes referrit to this burgh thai ordanit the same to be execute in maner following :—In the first, anent the article concerning the vnlawing of burrowes absent, that the saidis James Nicoll, Henry Chairteris and Henry Nesbett, vpoun the townes expenssis, to rais lettres of the lordis vpoun the said act in tripell forme, ane to be sent to Glasgow and ane vther to Abirdene, for executing of the said act in the Wast and North pairts, and ordanis Maister Alexander Guthrie commoun clerk to direct missiues in the townes name with the saidis lettres desyring thame to do thair diligence, etc., the thrid lettre to be delyuerit be the saidis persouns to ane officer to be execute in name of this burgh vpoune the burrowes besowth Abirdene, and thai to agrie with the saidis officer thairvpon, resaue and vplift the vnlawes intromettit with be him, satisfie and pay the said officer, and ramburs to the guid toun thair expenssis of the reddiest, and to be answerabill vpoun compt to the burrowes of the superplus thairof; and thairfore ordanis Androw Steuinsoun in absence of the thesaurer to mak the expenssis vpoun the saidis lettres at the command and directioun of the saidis persouns and the sam sall be refoundet to him be the said thesaurer or allowet in his compts. Anent the act concerning outlands burgessis of this burgh, ordanis Jhone Harwod deane of gild and Maister Alexander Guthrie clerk to se the sam putt to dew and lawfull executioun as thai will ansuer to the guid toun vpoun thair dewteis Anent the act for making of ane buik contening the haill acts of burrowes, ordanis the sam to be rememberit in the generall missiues for the next conventioun and in the meantyme ordanis Henry Charteris to mak twa paper buiks, ilk ane of (*blank*) quaires, vpoun the townes expensis, and ordanis Jhone Guthre to writt in ane of the saidis buikes the haill acts of burrowes bypast swa far as may be gotten, and the sam with the vther buik to be presentet and schawin at the nixt conventioun, for the quhilk the saidis provest baillies and counsale hes promist to satisfe the said Jhone, and ordanis the said Androw Steuinsoun to pay the said Henry for the saidis twa buikis and the sam sall be refoundit to him be the said thesaurer.

Precept, Steuinsoun.

Charge, Nesbet Charteris, Nicoll.

Anent the rest of the said acts, sic as for wairning of certane townes in the north to the nixt conventioun, for the ansuer to the nichtbouris of Edinburgh, and twiching the pley betwix Dundie and Perth, ordanis the sam to be rememberit in the generall missiues to be sent be this burgh for the nixt convention.

7th April 1581.

Precept, thesaurer. Convention buik Vol. vi. fol. 136

The sam day, etc., ordanis Iohnn Robertsoun thesaurer to pay to Henry

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Charteris the sum of twenty schillings for ane paper buik furnist and delyueret be him to Ihone Guthrie, quha suld writt and register thairin the haill acts of the burrowes and thair conventiouns bypast, and the samyn sall be allowet to him in his compts.

17th May 1581.

Precept thesaurer. Commissioneris of burrowes. Vol. vi. fol. 136.

The same day, fyndis the expenssis maid on the supper and banket to the commissioners of burrowes, quhilkis war assemblit within this burgh at the last conventioun, to extend to the sowm of fourty thre pund xiiij s. viij d. and thairfore ordanis the said thesaurer to pay the sam quhilk sall be allowet in his compts.

21st June 1581.

Conseruatour. Vol. vi. fol. 140.

The same day, etc., appoyntis and nominats Iames Nicoll, Alexander Vddert, Ihone Harwod, Henry Nesbet, Ihone Robertsoun, Mr Ihone Prestoun, Androw Steuinsoun, to confer with Mr George Hakkett conseruatour anent the commoun effaires of the burrowes that forther ordour may be tane with him agane the nixt conventioun.

5th July 1581.

Conseruatour, burrowes. Vol. vi. fol. 142.

The quhilk day etc., ordanis lettres missiues to be direct to sex of the chief burrowes of this realme namely Dundie, Perth, Abirdene, St Androis, Stirling, Glasquow, Air, schawand to thame of the arryving of Maister George Hakket conseruatour, that he has offerit compt of the stuiris intrometit with be him, and proponit dyuers vtheris heids concerning the weill of the estaitt of burrowes; and becaus the said Maister George may nocht abyde quhill the parliament quhilkis is prolongit to the xxiiij of October nixt, thairfore to desyre thame to send thair commissioners to this burgh agane the first of August nixt that ordour may be tane with the said Maister George and with the articles proponit be him, and for the better comptrolling of his compts of the sturis ordainis thre copeis of the said compts to be sent to the burrowes of Dundie, Perth, and Abirdene.

27th September 1581.

Precept. Thesaurer. Clerks. Vol. vi. fol. 172.

The same day, etc., ordainis Ihone Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay to the clerkis for writting the missiues to the burrowes the sowm of thretty schillings for thair drinksyluer, and the sam sall be allowet in his compts.

18th April 1582.

Burrowes Lettres to St Iohnestoun. Schips to Deip. Vol. vi. fol. 183.

The same day, etc., ordanis lettres missiues to be sent to the burg of St Iohnestoun, quhair the nixt conventioun of burrowes is appoyntit, desyring thame to writt of new to the burrowes and remember thame of dyuers heids omittit furth of thair lettres, quhilk ar anent the expenssis of the nychtbouris of this burgh quha wes wairdet be vmquhill Erle of Mortoun anent the xij^{c} merk awand to the towne be

the burrowes, anent the alteratioun of the kings customes, and to that effect to send thame the copy of the rollis to avyse thairwith, and last anent the new customes raiset vpoun all Scottis guidis in France, and to desyr all burrowes to stay thair schips in passing to Deip to the effect the said nouatioun be nocht putt in practise quhill ane ordour may be tane thairwith, and in the meane tyme ordanis the dene of gild of this burgh lykwayes to fraucht na schips thairto nor enter thame in the townis buikis. EDINBURGH, 18th April 1582.

21st November 1582.

The sam day, etc., ordanis Mungo Russell thesaurer to pay to Jok Andro, seruitour to Andro Lyndsay, javelour, the sowm of thre pund aucht schillings for wyne and breid furnist be him at dyuers tymes to the commissioneris of burrowes the tyme of this last conventioun, conform to the particular compt thairof, and the sam sall be allowet to the said thesaurer in his compts. Precept thesaurer. Jok Andro. Vol. vi. fol. 220.

12th February 1582.

The sam day, ordanis thair commoun clerk in name of the town and haill burrowes to subscryve the articles given to Henry Nesbet commissioner for thair estaitt directit to the King of France, and als to subscryve the missives to be direct in France for his fortherance, and this present act to stand for a warrant to thair said clerk heirinto. Nesbet, commissioner, commoun clerk. Vol. vi. fol. 226.

The quhilk day, in presens of Andro Sclater baillie comperit Alexander Clerk of Balbirny provest, Ihonn Adamesoun, Maister Michaell Chisholm, William Fairlie, remanent baillies of the said burgh, and Robert Ker younger, Ihonn Ihonestoun, Henry Chairteris, William Mawle, Ihonn Harwod, Ihonn Robertsoun, William Inglis, Alexander Naper, William Nesbet, James Fergussoun, Ihonn Bairnisfather of the counsell, and actit band and oblist thameselffis and thare successoures, baillies and counsell of the said burgh, that forswamekill as Maister Ihonn Prestoun dene of gild and Mungo Russell thesaurer of the sam burgh has at thair speciall desyre and command maid and gevin thair obligatiouns, the ane to Henry Nesbet merchant quha is direct be the burrowes to France in thair names for downgetting of the imposts newly raisit vpoun all Scottis wairis, that incais he deburse ony mair syluer for his preparatives and chairges and his assisteris nor the sowm of a thowsand franks alreddy debursit be him to that effect, in that cais the said Maister Ihonn and Mungo oblist thame coniunctlie and seuerally thair aires executiouris and assignayes to content and pay to the said Henry his airis executouris and assignayes for ilk frank that he debursis as said is the sowm of auchtein schillings, provyding he pas nocht ane thowsand franks by and attour the said ane thowsand franks resauet as said is, and that within fyftein dayes after the production of his compts to the Act for warrand to Mr Ihonn Prestoun and Mungo Russell anent the effaires of the burrowes. Vol. vi. fol. 227.

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provest baillies and counsell of this burgh, but ony forther delay frawde or gyle, with all coists skaythes damnages entressis and expenssis that the said Henry sall sustene be the want thairof after the said day vpoun his awin liquidatioun. The vther obligatioun maid be thame to Thomas Aikinheid, for payment to him of the sowm of nyne hundreth punds betuix that and the last day of July nixttocum, and gif he be deferrit to pay his coists damnage entressis and expenssis at his awin liquidatioun; as the said twa obligatiouns of the daitt the twelf day of Februar instant in thame selffis mair fully propostis. Thairfore to warrand relieff and keip skaythles the said Maister Ihonn Prestoun and Mungo Russell thair airis executioures and assignayes off the said twa obligatiouns and haill contents thairof at the hands of the said Henry Nesbet and Thomas Aikenheid respectiue thair airis executiouris and assignayes and all vthers quhome it effeiris, renunceand all exceptioun of law that may be competent to thame in the contrar.

13th February 1582.

Precept, thesaurer, burrowes billis. Vol. v. fol. 227.

The quhilk day, the baillies and counsall ordanis Mungo Russell thesaurer to pay to the childer of the clerkis chalmer for writting of the billis to the burrowes thre sundry tymes and furnessing walx thairto for thair drink sylver fourty schillings and the sam sall be allowet, etc.

20th February 1582.

Precept, Mekill, Collectour. Young, Layng, Nesbet. Vol. vi. fol. 227.

The sam day, ordanis Andro Mekil collectour of the impost at the port of Leyth to delyver to Maister George Young twa crownis of the sone for making owt the kingis grace lettres direct to the king of France in favoures of the burrowes, and to the said Maister George seruand half a merk in drynk sylver, als to delyuer to Sir Neill Layng for the sygnett thairof ane ayngell nobill, siclyk for making the commission to Henry Nesbet and vther lettres for his owtred and depesche fourty schillings, and the sam sall be allowet.

15th March 1582.

Contract of the kings and customes commissioners. Vol. vi. fol. 230.

The sam day, etc., having hard and considerit the contract betuix the kingis maiesties secreitt counsell and controller on the ane pairt and the haill burrowes on the vther pairt, twicheing the tak to be sett to the said burrowes of his maiesties haill customes, and specially anent that pairt quhair the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, and Abirdene are obleist coniunctlie and seuerally for payment of the dewties specifeit in the said contract, ordanis the commissioners of this burgh to end perfyte and for thair pairts subscryve the said contract as it wes red vnto thame, notwithstanding the clawse foresaid.

EDINBURGH, 20th Mar. 1582.

20th March 1582.

The quhilk day, the provest baillies dene of gild and Henry Charteris, Ihonn Harwod, Ihonn Wilsoun, Ihonn Moresoun, William Inglis, William Nesbet, Alexander Naper, Ihonn Ihonestoun of the counsall, and Alexander Scrymgeour commissioner for Dundie, and Alexander Hay for Abirdene, and Dyoneis Conquerour for Perth, at the airnest desyre of the kings maiestie hes agreitt and consentit that vpoun the dewtie of the tak of his graces customes sett to the burrowes thair be avanceit and payet to his maieste aforhand the sowm of ane thowsand pund to be allowet alwayes in the said dewty, and that this burgh travell and gett the said money with diligence and gif annuell thairfoir sex for ilk hundreth gif na better cheip may be had, and the said annuell and sowmes with the vncoists to be allowet to this burgh in the reddiest of thair awin customes.

Rex, Burrowis, Customes j^m li. Vol. vi. fol. 230.

22d March 1582.

The samyn day, etc., ordanis Androw Mekill collectour of the impost at the port of Leyth, conform to the act of burrowes, to vplift the dewteis following of the guidis vnderwrittin estimat as followes, quhilk ar to pas furth of the realme, and to be chairgeit thairwith in his compts of the said impost, becaus that in the said act of burrowes all guidis passand furth of the realm ar ordanit to contribut for the caus mentionat in the said act and the guidis aftermentionat be indifferent estimatioun ar to be sett to the sowmes and quantitie afterspecifeit, that is to say:—ilk quantitie or bowlk of lambskynnis estimatt in the kings compt and rollis of his maiesties customes for j^c to be sett to ane barrell and ilk barrell swa sett to pay sex penneis and aucht barrell to be comptit for the twn; item, ilk bowlk of futefaillis estimat in the kings compt for j^c to be sett to twa barrell, and of schorelings siclyke and the barrell to pay as said is; item, ilk quantitie of ledder sett in the kings rollis for j^c to be estimatt to twa barrell; item, gluffis poyntis and vther small merchandices to be proportionat according to the kingis grace custome; item, ilk twn wyne to pay ij s.; ilk schip pund of walx iiij s. item; item, ilk last of pik tar as and saip passand furth of the realme twa schillings.

New impost of the burrowes. Chairge Mekill. Collectour. Vol. vi. fol. 230.

29th May 1583.

The sam day, in presens of Maiser Michaell Chisholm baillie, comperit Ihonn Lowry merchant and actit and oblist himselff as souerty for the burgh of Elgein that thai sall send thair commissioner to the nixt conventioun of burrowis in Air and obtene ane dischairge to this burgh for thair bypast vnlawes of thair absence fra the burrowes, or ellis to releif the gud town thairof at the burrowes handis.

Villa. Lowry, Elgein. Vol. vii. fol. 2.

EDINBURGH, 9th Aug. 1583.

9th August 1583.

Cungzie, Burrowes, Precept Thesaurer. Vol. vii. fol. 11.

The quhilk day, etc., ordanis lettres missiues to be direct to the burrowes of Hadingtoun, Dunbar, Northbervik, Lawder, Jedburgh, Selkirk, Peblis, Lynlythgow, Lanerk, togidder with copy to ilk ane of thame of the overtures anent the brekking down of the cvngzie of the plakis, balbeis, nonsunts, half merkis, requyring thame to send to this burgh agane Thurisday nixt thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructed with thair mynd thairanent, or elis ane autentik writt contening thair said mynd, to be schawin be the guid town in the nixt generall conventioun, and Mungo Russell thesaurer to mak the expenssis of the said lettres, quhilk sall be allowet.

30th October 1583.

Rex. Burrowes Lettres Vol. vii. fol. 33.

The quhilk day, the provest bailzeis dene of gild thesaurer and maist pairt of the counsall and of the remanent deykins of craftis, anent the lettre sent be the king's grace to the toun toward Andro Lambs schip to pas to France with the Lord Seytoun, and anent the effaires of the customes, Henry Nesbet and the provest ordains lettres to be sent to allevin of the maist principall burrowes to convene in this burgh the xij of Nouember nixt for ordour to be tayne thairanent, and siclyk that ane answer to be sent to the kings grace ansuering to the said lettre.

Rex. Lamb. Vol. vii. fol. 34.

The sam day, etc., ordanis ane lettre to be sent to the kings maiestie ansuerand to the lettre sent to the town anent Androw Lambs schip, and schawand that that mater belangis to the haill burrowes, that the commoun gud is superexpendet, and that thai haif writtin to certane burrowes to convene in this burgh the xij of November.

19th November 1583.

Burrowis. Lamb. Vol. vii. fol. 46.

The sam day, etc., Dyoneis Conquerour, commissioner for Perth, and Alexander Scrymgeour and (*blank*) Fynlawsoun commisssioners for Dundie and Abirdene, hes willinglie of thair awin consents in name of the said burrowes accordet and agreitt that the said burrowes sall pay thair pairt according to the taxt roll of the burrowes of all sowmes to be avanceit be this burgh for the owtredding of Androw Lambs schip in the taking afeild and bringing hame of the Lord Seytoun to and fra France, togidder with the interest of the said sowmes, provyding always that ane act of Secreitt Counsall be gottin for allowance of the said sowme in the first end of the burrowes pairt of the first taxt to be grantet to the kings maistie.

20th November 1583.

Lord Seytoun. Lamb. Vol. vii. fol. 47.

The sam day, etc., my Lord Seytoun producett ane lettre sent fra the kings maiestie

desyring the guid town to mak ane end with Androw Lamb for his schip transport to France and hame agane the said Lord; and siclyk to depute ane sufficient man to pas with him to inform and travell in the matter of the customes, quhilk writting wes delyuerit to Henry Nesbet. EDINBURGH, 20 Nov. 1583.

The sam day, at after none, the foresaid provest bailzies and counsall and the commissioners of burrowes, Dyoneis Conquerour for Perth, Alexander Scrymgeour and (*blank*) Fynlawsoun for Dundie and Abirdene, hes thocht it maist necessar and expedient that ane qualefeit persoun be directit vpoun the burrowes chairges to pas to France with the Lord Seytoun, and thair to procure and attend vpoun the downgetting of the new customes. Burrowes, Custome, In France Vol. vii. fol. 47.

21st November 1583.

The quhilk day, etc., at the airnist desyre and requeist of the kings maiestie, hes thocht expedient condiscendit and agreit for thame selffis and in name of the rest of the burrowes, for the transporting to France and hamebringing agane of George Lord Seytoun his maiesteis imbassadour direct thair in dyuers his maisteis effaires, and particularelie for the downgetting of the new greitt customes rayset vpoun all Scottis merchants and thair merchandice als weill brocht in France as had furth thairof, to gif and delyuer in frawcht to Androw Lamb in Leyth, quhais schip is appoyntet to carie hame and afeild the said Lord Seytoun, the sowm of twa thousand merk the ane half at his depairting and the vther half at the hamebringing of the said lord, as wes agreit be the commissioners of the burrowes of Perth Dundie and Abirdene be thair act maid yisterday, provyding that ane act of Secreitt Counsall be obtenit of the kings maiestie that the said sowm sall be allowet to the burrowes in thair nixt generall extent, and appoyntis Henry Nesbet and William Fairlie and Alexander Owsteane to caus devyse and mak the said act of Secreitt Counsall in maist sikker and suir form; als the haif condiscendit to avance for thameselffs and in name of the said burrowes the sowm of ane thousand merk by the sowm foresaid to mak the chairges of the persoun quha sall be appoynted to pas with the said lord and attend and awaitt vpoun the downgetting of the said customes, he alwayes makand compt of the samyn; quhilk sowmes, makand in the haill the sowm of thre thowsand merk becaus the commoun guid is far behind the hand, thay ar content and consentis to be tane fra sic as may be movet to avance the sam vpoun thair commone mylnis for annuell for ane zeir allanerly. Lamb. Lord Seytoun. Vol. vii. fol. 47.

13th December 1583.

The sam day, etc., maks and constituts Thomas Aikinheid, Henry Chairteris Commissioners to the burrowes Vol. vii. fol. 54.

EDINBURGH, 13th Dec. 1583.

Alexander Owsteane, and Robert Henrysoun, thair commissioners in the conventioun of burrowes to be begwn and haldin within this burgh the xv of December instant, and ordanis thame to remember to propone for the towns releif of the twa thowsand merkis to be avanceit to Androw Lamb.

23d September 1584.

Precept, thesaurer, burrowbills. Vol. vii. fol. 110

The sam day, at after none, my lord provest and ane pairt of the counsall beand presentlie convenet, ordanet the thesaurer to direct away the sevin missive bills to the sevin burrowes appoyntet to convene in this burgh the xviij day of October nixt anent the customes, and the expenssis to be allowet in his compts.

28th October 1584.

Certane burrowes vnlawing, Custome compts. Vol. vii. fol. 122

The sam day, etc., vnderstading that at the last conventioun of burrowes, haldin at Linlythgow in the moneth of July lastbypast, it wes ordainet and concludet that the commissioneris of the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Striueling, Lynlythgow, Hadingtoun, or the maist pairt of thame suld convene at Edinburgh the xviij of October instant, thair to resaue and allow the compts of all the customeris of this realme, quha wer ordanet do convene the said day to mak thair compts of thair intromissioun of this instant zeir, fra the first of October foure scoir thre to the first of October foure scoir foure, and to tak ordour with certane vther articles concerning the burrowes, speciallie expressit in the act maid thairanent, the saidis burrowes appoyntet to heir the saidis compts beand ordainet to convene the said day, ilk burgh vnder the payne of twenty pund and ilk customer vnder the payne of ten pund, and albeit the said burrowes of Perth, Dundie, Abirdene, Striueling, Lynlythgow, and Hadingtoun, wer lawfullie wairnet to the effect foresaid be speciall missiues direct to thame for the said burrowes, except the commissioneris of Edinburgh and Hadingtoun, and thairfore the said burrowes of Perth, Dundie, Abirdene, Striueling, and Linlythgow, and ilk ane of thame ar adiugeit and vnlawet in the vnlaw of twenty pund; and siclyke the haill customeris of this realme beand lawfullie wairnet be speciall missiues to haif comperit the said day thair, comperit nane of thame except the customares of Dumfreis, Hadingtoun, Dunbar, (*blank*), and thairfore the remanent customeris vnderwrittin viz. Perth, Dundie, Abirdene, Air, Dumbartane, Culros, Innerkething, Cowper, Craill, Pittinweme, Irwing, Hadingtoun, Striueling, Dysart, Montrose, Brunt Iland, Abirbrothok, Kirkcudbrycht, Banff, Sanctandrois, Kirkcaldy, Aichesounsheavin, Kingorn, and, Lynlythgow, ar vnlawet and adiugeit for thair non comperance ilk ane of thame in the soum of ten punds; and thairfor the said provest bailzeis and counsell hes ordanet lettres to be raiset to chairge the saidis burrowes of Perth, Dundie, Abirdene, Striueling, Linlithgow, and Hadingtoun to send thair commissioners to convene at Edinburgh the first day of

December nixttocum to heir the saids compts and vther articles conform to the tenour of the said act of the last conventioun of burrowes, and to mak payment ilk ane of thame, except Hadingtoun, to the collectour generall of the said vnlaw of twenty pund vnder the payne of horning, and siclyke to chairge the customeris aboue writtin quha hes nocht maid thair compts to compeir the said day before the said commissioners, bringand with thame thair compts and syluer of thair intromissioun the said zeir, and to mak payment ilk ane of thame of the said vnlaw of ten pund vnder the payne of horning, and thir lettres to be raiset be Robert Gourlaw collectour and depeschet vpoun the burrowes expenssis.

EDINBURGH 28th Oct. 1584.

6th November 1584.

The samyn day, etc., forswamekill as the burrowes of this realm in the moneth of October j^{m} v^{c} lxxviij, be thare commissioner direct to the toun of Camphere in Zeland, agreit with the maiestrats of the said toun vpoun dyuers heids and articles tending to the weill of the said burrowes for remitting and continewing of the stapill of this natioun in the said toun as it wes befor the laitt trubles; and, be contract passet thairvpoun betuix the said commissioner and the conseruatour on the ane pairt and the maiestrat of the said toun on the vther pairt, promist that na schips suld pas to ony vther port or heavin in Flanders with thair staipill guidis, yitt dyuers personis of this burgh hes laitle contrauenet the said appoyntment and pas with thair gudis and schips to Amsterdam and vther pairts of the Law Cuntreyes without ane lawfull cause gevin and tryet, and befor an renunciatioun maid be commoun consent of the said contract to the greitt dishonour and preiudice of thair estait: thairfor statutes and ordanes and als inhibitis and discharges all merchants skippers and mariners within the fredome and jurisdictioun of this burgh in ony tyme cuming to pas with thair schips of laid and charget with staipil gudis to ony vther port or heavin within the said Law Cuntreyes, bot that thai frequent and resort to the said toun of Camphere allanerle swa lang as na vther ordour is tane be commoun consent of the burrowes, vnder the payne of ane hundreth punds to be payet be the saidis merchants and skipperis and mariners and euery ane of them swa oft as thai failze, to be applyet to the vse of the toun, and ordanis publicatioun to be maid heirof that nane pretend ignorance.

Statute, Staipill in the Campheir. Vol. vii. fol. 126.

27th November 1584.

The sam day, etc., makis and constitutes Henry Nesbet bailzie, Nicoll Vddert dene of gild, Henry Chairteris, Alexander Owsteane, James Inglis skynner, commissioners for the guid town in the conventioun of certane burrowes to be haldin within this burgh the first of December nixt and orderis the remanent bailzeis to

Commissioneris to the burrowes. Vol. vii. fol. 137

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assist the said commissioneris and that ane commissioun be direct heirvpoun vnder the seill of caus as vse is.

11th December 1584.

Commissio anent Lord Seytoun. Vol. vii. fol. 141

The sam day, etc., ordanis the four bailzeis with the awld provest, [dene of] gild, thesaurer, with Jhonn Watt, Alexander Owsteane, George Smyth, David Williamsoun, Alexander Vddert, George Hereot, to pas to the Lord Seytoun and desyr to knaw quhat wes done in the burrowes effairis in France, and to requyre and get agane fra him thair writs beand in his hands.

13th January 1584.

Nesbet. Lord Seytoun. Vol. vii. fol. 151

The sam day, ordanis Henrie Nesbet bailzie, with any of the counsall quhom he pleisis to tak with him, to pas to Seytoun and requyre and resaue fra the Lord Seytoun or the prior of Plascardie his brother the writtings quhilk wes delyuerit to thair vmquhill father for his information in his imbassage to France toward the effaires of the burrowes, and that lettres be direct with him to the said lordis to that effect.

16th April 1585.

Precept. Gourlaw, Scherp, Borrowis. Vol. vii. fol. 177.

The sam day, etc., ordanis Robert Gourlaw customer and collectour of the burrowis twa last extents to pay and delyuer to Maister Ihonn Scharp aduocatt the sowme of ane thowsand merk, in pairt of payment of the redemptioun of the annuelrent of vj^{xx} li. awand to him be the said burrowes, and they sall caus the sam to be allowet to the said Robert in his compts of the said extents.

21st June 1583.

Piracie. Vol. vii. fol. 192.

The quhilk day, Henry Nesbet, William Napier bailzeis, Alexander Vddert, Iames Adamsoun, Thomas Aikinhead, George Smyth tailzour, the dekins, Henry Blyth chirurgeane, of the counsall being convenit, fyndis it maist expedient that the said Henry Nesbeit, Iames Adamsoun, Henry Blyth, pas to the kings grace in (*blank*) and declair the laitt trubill done be the pirats of Ingland to dyuers merchants of this realme and travell to obtene licence to reik owt ane schip or schips aganis thame.

22d June 1585

Piracie of Ingland. Vol. vii. fol. 193.

The quhilk day, the bailzeis dene of gild and ane pairt of the counsall being convenit, fynds it maist expedient that incais Henry Nesbet bailzie with the persouns joynit with him in commissioun, according to the act before namet, obtene licence to any schips to pas furth againis the pirats of Ingland that thay lykways

purches ane chairge to the provest and bailzeis of Dundie and Sanctandrois to haif twa schips and Leyth to haif ane to be reiket furth vpoun the expenssis of the haill burrowis and chairgeing the burrowes to that effect, or ony vther schips in the coist syde quha sall be thocht meitt thairfore, and gif this licence be obtenit that he himselff pas to Dundie and Sanctandrois and alangis the coist for taking ordour heiranent, and to aduerteis the counsall with diligence that Leyth may be chairget. EDINBURGH, 22d June 1585.

6th July 1585.

The quhilk day, etc., ordanis ane ansuer to be sent to the bill of Dundie schawand that the townis testimonialls sall be subscryuet be ane bailzie at the leist, that the town be thair commissioners will keip the conventioun at Hadingtoun and to desyre Dundie to send thair extent to this burgh quhilk sall be thair warrand thairof. Ansuer to Dundies letteres. Vol. vii. fol. 196.

7th July 1585.

The sam day, etc., vnderstanding that the taks set to the burrowes of the kings grace customes is to expyre in October or thairby, and that thair is ane conventioun of burrowes to be haldin in Hadingtoun the xij of this instant quhair ordour is to be tayne with the said customes, and after lang resoning gif it sall be expedient to seik and renew the takis, fynds it maist expedient for the weill of the burrowes that the said taks be tayne of new according to the awld taks and that the commissioners to be direct fra this burgh to the said conventioun consent and agree heirinto. The kings grace customes. Vol. vii. fol. 196.

9th July 1585.

The quhilk day, etc., electit and nominat Henry Nesbet and George Hereot commissioners for the guid toun in the conventioun of burrowis to be begun and haldin at Hadingtoun the xij of this instant, and als fynds it maist expedient that the said commissioners in name of this burgh agrie and consent for releif of the inlaik of the kings grace customes sett to the burrowis in takis and for payment of the wynes yeirlie to his grace, that the takis beand renewit ane impositioun be sett and rayset vpon all manner of wynes frie and vnfrie arryvand within this realme provyding that the burrowis be vptakers thairof and nocht the kings grace doares, and the said burrowis to tak the samyn euerie ane within thair ports and the nixt adiacent places quhair schips sall happin to lose and laydin, for the quhilk thai sall be comptabill to the conventioun of burrowis. Commissioners to the conventioun of burrowes. Impositioun on the wynes. Vol. vii. fol. 197.

21st July 1585.

The sam day, etc., electit nominat and constitute Henry Nesbet bailzie and George Commissioners to the conven-

EDINBURGH, 21st July 1585. tioun in St Androis. Vol. vii. fol. 200.

Hereot goldsmyth commissioners for this burgh in the conventioun of the estaitts to be begun and haldin in Sanctandrois the 28 day of July instant for gevin ane ansuer to the demands of the imbassadouris of Denmark and Ingland conform to the lettere missiue send be the kings grace to the guid toun ; als maks thame commissioners to convene with the rest of the burrowes and to sit vpoun commoun effaires quhilk suld haif bene intreatet at the conventioun of Hadingtoun, and that thai tak Ihonn Guthrie and William Makcartnay with thame.

8th April 1586.

Custome compts. Vol. viii. fol. 6.

The samyn day gevis commissioun to Henry Charteris, Ihonn Ihonestoun, Edward Galbrayth, Androw Cairny, William Huchesoun to concur with the commissioners of burrowes quha ar to convene in this burgh the x of this instant for heiring of the compts of the customers of this realme.

22d April 1586.

Custome compts. Vol. viii. fol. 8.

The samyn day, etc., appoyntis William Fairlie bailzie and Henry Charteris to pas with Robert Gourlaw to the Abbay and Secreitt Counsall or chakker for presenting and delyuering of the burrowes compts of the kings grace customes, the principall or attentik alwayes remainand with the burrowis and thair clerk.

5th August 1586.

New impositioun. Burrowis. Gourlaw. Vol. viii. fol. 33.

The sam day, forswamekill as the commissioners of burrowes laitlie convenit in this burgh hes fund necessar to direct Maister George Hakket conseruatour and Ihonn Gourlaw toward Ingland and Flanders for obtening the proclamatioun maid in Flanders to stay all schips passand to France, and for redres of the schips and guidis apprehendet passing thair, and that ane impositioun of viij^{c} li. be rayset vpoun all guids passand furth of the realme for making thair charges, quhilk sowme it behoueth the guid towne to purches and avance and obtene the sam ramburset of the said custome and impositioun, as at lenth is contenit in ane act of the said burrowes maid thairanent, and seying that the said prouest bailzeis and counsall hes desyret Robert Gourlaw customer to be oblist to the persouns fra quhome the said money is to be resauet as als for the annuell thairof thairfor, thai oblis thame selffis to releif the said Robert Gourlaw of the samyn.

viij^{c} li on the commoun guid. Burrowes effaires. Vol. viii. fol. 38.

20th August 1586.

The quhilk day, William Littill provest, the bailzeis, dene of gild, thesaurer, and maist pairt of the counsall being convenet, agreitt and consentet for the owtredding

of the commoun effaires of the burrowis quhairinto Maister George Hakket and Iohnn Gourlaw ar directet to Ingland and Flanderis, to avance and delyuer in name of the burrowes the sowm of aucht hundreth pund in the said effaires and to tak the samyn vpoun thair commoun guid for annuell, and that quhill the said sowme may be recoverit of the impost grantet be the said burrowes according to the acts of thair conventioun maid thairvpoun, and that it be tryet and speiret quhair the said sowme may be maist commodiously had. EDINBURGH, 20th Aug. 1586.

24th August 1586.

The sam day, ordanis Androw Mekill collectour of the new impost for Maister George Hakket and William M'Cartnay agent for the burrowes to rais the letteres vpoun the said new impositioun and to send the sam to the burrowis with the missives necessar, and the expenssis thairof to be allowet to the said Androw. Siclyke ordanis him to pay to Iohnn Guthre fourty schillings for extracting of the acts of the burrowes concerning the said impositioun and the sam sall be allowet: Attoure grantes vnto the said Androw for his seruice in the said collectioun siclyke stipend as he had in the collectioun nixt preceding and according to the act quhilk wes maid thairvpoun in all poynts of the dait the xiiij of Iulij 1583 zeiris. Precept, Mekill. Collectour new impositioun. Guthre. Vol. viii. fol. 39

31st August 1586.

The sam day William Fairlie bailzie producit twa acquittances of Maister George Hakket and Iohnn Gourlaw of the viij^{c} li. delyuerit to thame be Hew Browne in name of the towne. Acquittances, Hakkett. Vol. viii. fol. 40.

2d September 1586.

The sam day, etc., comperit Maister George Hakkett, conseruatour, quha is direct toward Ingland and Flanders in the burrowis effaires and wes content and consentet that gif any redres beis had be him for the guids laitly tane be the Inglismen and Flischeuers furth of the schip callet (*blank*) quhilk wes passand to Deip that Iohnn Gourlaw quha passis with the said Maister George in the said effaires suld intromett thairwith and be comptabill to the persouns damnefeit for the samyn. Conseruatour Gourlaw. Vol. viii. fol. 40

29th October 1586.

The quhilk day, William Littill provest with the bailzeis dene of gild thesaurer and counsall, makis creattis and constitutes Henry Nesbet and Thomas Aikinheid commissioneris for the guid towne in this present conventioun of the burrowes with power to intreatt vote and conclude in all maters to be proponet in the said conventioun for the glory of God, obedience of our souerane lord, comoun weill of Commissioneris to the burrowes. Nesbet. Aikinheid. Vol. viii. fol. 53.

EDINBURGH, 29th Oct. 1586

the realme, and weill and proffeitt of this burgh and the estaitt of burrowes *Promittentes de rato.*

21st April 1587.

Burrowis. Schipping of imbassadouris to Denmark. Vol. viii. fol. 84.

The sam day at efternone, it wes proponet be my lord provest that the kings maiestie had send for his lordschip and the bailzeis quha exponet and declaret vnto him that his grace wes to direct embassadouris to Denmark for intreating of mariage, and thairfore desyret the guid toun and burrowis to mak the charges and expenssis of the schipping to the said imbassadouris quhilk his grace estemet wald extend to twa thousand pund or thairby, and my lord provest had ansuerit that it behovet the town to haif the avyse of the burrowes: Inrespect quhairof the said provest bailzeis and counsall ordanis letteres missiues to be direct to the burrowes of Dundie, St Iohnestoun, Stirling, Lynlithqw, Hadingtoun, Cowper, to send thair commissioneris agane Wednisday, and to Abirdene to send agane Fryday nixt to gif thair ansuer and avyse thairvpoun, as alswa vpoun the demand of his maiesteis comptroller desyrand to be presently avanceit of j^{m} li. of the dewtie of the customes and promesand greitt favouris to thair estaitt at his grace perfyte aige.

26th April 1587.

Commissioners, Burrowes, Denmark. Vol. viii. fol. 85.

The sam day, appoyntis William Fairly and Alexander Owsteane commissioneris for the town to concur with the commissioners of burrowes quha wer writtin for anent the Imbassadouris to Denmark.

28th April 1587.

Imbassadouris to Denmark. Vol. viii. fol. 85.

The same day at aftirnone, appoyntis William Fairly and Alexander Owsteane to pas to the kings maiestie and report the townis guid will anent the expenssis of the schipping to his grace imbassadour to Denmark, and forther to schaw that thay had writtin to sevin or aucht of the principall burrowes and nane convenet except ane lettere come from St Iohnestoun with ane vncertane ansuer, and ane commissioner for Dundie quha declairet that he could gif na ansuer becaus the rest of the burrowes wer nocht convenet; and als appoyntes the said persouns to ressoun with his maiestie and to bring the sowme to als littill as may be and to obtene sic guid security for repaying thairof as thai can get, specially that the security be had vpoun the burrowes gif na better may be impetratt.

4th July 1587.

Piratt in the Firth. Burrowis. Vol. viii. fol. 94.

The quhilk day, etc., vnderstanding that thair is ane Inglis pyrat lyand in the firth mowth quha hes pilleit certane schips and intendis to pilley all vtheris cumand in or owt at thir watteris, and that thair is presently ane conventioun of burrowes

in Dundy, thairfore gevis commissioun to William Fairly to pas to the townes commissioneris thair and thai togidder to meane the mater and desyre the said burrowis to provyde ane moyane to pas vpoun the said pyrat, and the toun sall contribut and beir burding for thair pairt, and gif the said burrowes agreis heirto the said William to pas to Falkland to the kings grace and obtene his grace power and authoritie to this effect. EDINBURGH, 4th July 1587.

The sam day, considerand quhow necessar and proffitabill it may be to the guid toun to haif the guid will and help of my lord Secretare bayth to the generall effaires of the estait of burrowes and particulare effaires of this burgh, thairfore fyndes it guid that ane propyne be gevin to his lordschip, and to that effect ordanis Iames Ros to bye and lay in to his lordschip ane half twn of Burdealx wyne and ane pype of sek in name of the toun, and the pryces thairof sall be allowet to the said thesaurer in his compts. Propyne, Secretare. Precept, thesaurer. Vol. viii. fol. 94.

8th October 1587.

The quhilk day, etc., ordainet Iames Ros thesaurer to pay to Iohnn Mathesoun messinger the sowm of fourty schillings for careying of the missives to the burrowes anent thair conventioun in this burgh, quhilk sall be allowet. Precept, thesaurer. Mathesoun. Vol. viii. fol. 106.

1st November 1587.

The sam day, gevis commissioun to Henry Nesbet, Henry Chairteris, Thomas Aikinheid, Iames Inglis, Iames Ros and the dene of gild to convene with the tounis commissioneris of the conventioun of burrowes and gif thame thair avyse anent the setting of the burrowes taxatioun for the wynes and customes. Commissioners anent taxatioun of the burrowes. Vol. viii. fol. 115.

2d November 1587.

The quhilk day, the baillies dene of gild thesaurer and counsall with the deykins of crafts being convenit, quhairas it wes proponit to thame be Iohnn Iohnestoun, quha suppleis the absence of my lord prouest in the conventioun of burrowes, that the kings grace hes requyret be his commissioneris x^{m} merkis of the burrowes to be gevin to his grace imbassadours that suld pas to Denmark, and thairfore desyrand quhat sall be the touns ansuer thairto : thay beand rypely avysit thairwith fynds it nocht expedient to offend his maiestie for the plesure of the burrowis, quha is swa vnthankfull to the toun, and thairfore for ansuer heirto for the towns pairt consentis to contribute for the soum of iiij^{m} li to be vpliftet for the vse aboue reherset. iiij^{m} li. of the burrowes to the Kings Grace. Vol. viii. fol. 116.

12th January 1587.

The samyn day, efter reding of the lettre cum fra the factours of Deip complening of laitt new impositiouns rayset vpoun our natioun and thair waires New impositioun in France. Missiues, burrowis. Vol. viii. fol. 134.

EDINBURGH, 16th Feb. 1589.

cummand in or owt in France, ordanis missiues to be direct to certane of the principall burrowes declayring the effect thairof, and desyring thame to send commissioneris to this burgh agane the fyft of Februar nixt to consult vpoun ordour to be tayne for redres thairof.

16th February 1587.

Nesbett. Burrowis effaires. Impositioun at Leyth. Sourteis to Henry Nesbet. Vol. viii. fol. 140.

The quhilk day, etc., vnderstanding that for doungetting of the customes and impositiouns rayset in France vpoun our natioun contrair thair awld priveleges, the burrowes that wer writtin for to the fyft of this instant beand convenit hes agreit with Henry Nesbet merchant to pas and travell for doungetting thairof vpoun ane sowme of money in maner specifeit in thair act maid thairvpoun, and for payment thairof that the impositioun at the sey ports as was grantet for Mr George Hakkett stand and indure for ane certane space, and that this burgh become dettours to the said Henry and thai to be their releif, quhairvpoun the said Henry hes desyret ane certane responall persoun of this burgh to be gevin to him as souerty and full dettour for the said sowmes according to the forme of ane act maid presentet and presently red and schawin to thame; to the quhilk act and forme thairof thai agreitt and ordainet that ane or twa persouns be fund and nominat as souerties for obseruing and keiping of the said act, and be thir presents bynds and oblissis thame and thair successours to warrand and releif the said souerteis and to keip thame skaythles of the said act and all that may follow thairvpoun, quhilk act is to be maid registrat and contenit in the act buik of this burgh; and for releif of the said souerteis and of the toun thay ordainet and grantet that the said impositioun for thair pairt stand and be tayne vp at thair port of Leyth and the money thairof imployet to that effect swa that the nichtbours and commoun guid of this burgh be nocht burdenit thairwith bot be the said impositioun allanerly.

8th August 1589.

Commissioners to the burrowes. Vol. ix. fol. 1.

The sam day, makis and constitutes my lord provest and Alexander Owsteane tailzeour and in his absence Jhonn Watt commissioners for the guid toun to the conventioun of burrowes begun and haldin this day within this burgh *promittentes de rato.*

17th October 1589.

Custome compts. Vol. ix. fol. 12

The quhilk day, etc., makis and constituts Henry Charteris baillie, Thomas Aikinheid, Edward Galbrayth, (*blank*) thair commissioners to convene and concur with the rest of the commissioneris of burrowis for heyring the compts of the customers of burrowis, gevand thame thair full power thairto, *promittentes de rato.*

13th February 1589.

EDINBURGH, 13th Feb. 1589.

The quhilk day, etc., namet and constitute Clement Cor and Alexander Owsteane commissioners for the guid toun to the conventioun of burrowes appoyntet be lettres direct from the Secreitt Counsale.

Commissioners, burrowis. Vol. ix. fol. 32.

6th March 1589.

The samyn day, makis and constuts Clerment Cor and Alexander Owsteane commissioners for the guid toun to the conventioun of burrowis to be begun and haldin within this burgh the tent of Marche instant.

Commissioners to the burrowis. Vol. ix. fol. 35.

4th December 1590.

The quhilk day, etc., ordains lettres missives to be direct to the burrowis of Dundie, Glasgow, Sanctandrois, Perth, Stirling, Air, Abirdene, Kirkcaldy, Anstruther, Pittenweyme, Dysart, and Montrose, to send thair commissioners to this burgh agane the xx day of December instant, sufficiently instructet with power to tak ordour anent the payment of the customes acclamet by the Kings Maiestie and anent the payment of the aucht merk of the twn of wyne for the zeir past, and last for the impost and customes in all tymes cvming.

Burrowis. Impost of wyne. Customes. Vol. ix. fol. 71.

18th December 1590.

The sam day, namet and constitute Thomas Aikinheid and Edward Galbrayth commissioners for the guid toun to the convention of the commissioners of burrowes that wer writtin for to the xx day of December instant, *promittentes de rato.*

Commissioners, burrowes. Vol. ix. fol. 74.

13th January 1590.

The sam day, ordanis Ihonn M^c^Moran thesaurer to gif to Ihonn Guthre fourty schillings for the extracts of the burrowis acts concerning Adame Fullertouns money.

Precept theasurer. Guthrie. Vol. ix. fol. 76.

29th January 1590.

The sam day, ordanis missiues to be direct to the burrowes to send thair commissioners to this burgh agane the xv of Marche nixt to set the extent for the Kings wynes and customes of the yeir.

Burrowes. Kings wynes. Vol. ix. fol. 79

22d February 1590.

The quhilk day, etc., gevis commissioun to Alexander Naper, Edward Galbrayth, Ihonn Robertsoun, Henry Nesbett, Iames Nicoll, William Naper, to speik and travell with my lord Chancellare and Maister Robert Bruce to obtene the executioun of the lettres rayset aganis the burrowis for the impost of the wynes

Rex. Impost, customes. Vol. ix. fol. 82.

EDINBURGH, 22d Feb. 1590.

suspendit to the xv of Marche nixttocum, and ordanis lettres to be direct to the burrowis to convene in this burgh the said day be thair commissioners for taking ordour with the Kings Maiestie anent the said impost and the customes.

12th March 1590.

Commissioners, burrowes. Vol. ix. fol. 84.

The sam day, makis and constitutes Maister Iames Ihonestoun and Eduard Galbrayth commissioneris for the guid toun in the conventioun of the burrowis that ar writtin for to convene in this burgh the xv of this instant; and Clement Cor baillie, Iames Nicoll, Ihonn Moresoun, Ihonn Robertsoun, Henry Nesbett, Alexander Owsteane, George Hereott, in name of the counsall to gif thair best avyse vnto thame as thai sall be requyret.

24th March 1590.

Precept, thesaurer. Burrowes letteres. Vol. ix. fol. 84.

The sam day, Maister Iames Ihonestoun baillieis ordanet to rayse letteres aganes the burrowes for the sowmes awand to the guid toun, and in speciall for Adam Fullertoun and for the wynes, and the thesaurer ordanet to mak the charges thairof quhilk sall be allowet in the compts.

21st April 1591.

The sam day, Daniell Hay writtar producet the contract of the act of Secreit Counsall continuing the articles anent the new impost of the wynes, quhilk act is ordanet to be insert in this present buik *ad futuram rei memoriam*, quhairof the tenour followis :—

Rex. impost Custome of wynes. Vol. ix. fol. 86.

AT EDINBURGH the tuentie sext day of Marche the zeir of God j^m v^c foure score and allevin zeirs : The conditiouns quhilk His Maiestie of his gracious gudnes grantis to the burrowis of his hienes realme vpoun thair humbill sute and supplicatioun, quhilkis his maiestie wills and declairis to be effectuallie obseruit and keipit be thame in all tym cumming nochtwithstanding ony lawis actis or statutis maid in the contrair thairof : AND FIRST, seing that the Estaitts of his hienes realme in thair conventioun haldin at Halyrudehous in the moneth of Julij j^m v^c foure score and nyne zeiris hes condescendit that thair salbe ane impost of dewtie of thrie crownis of the sone or the availl thairof raisit vpoun everie twn of wyne that salhappin to be laidin in Spayne or France, quhidder the same be sauld within this countrie or in vther pairtis outwith the samyn, as in the act maid thairvpoun at mair lenth is continet, his maiestie being perswadet be sundry gude argumentis proponit to his hienes be the saidis burghis that the samyn was verray hurtefull and preiudiciall to thair estait, speciallie in that pairt thairof berand the said impost to be raisit and vpliftit vpoun wynes sauld without this countrie, his hienes thairfoir being of gudewill and mynd to repair all thingis quhilkis may tend to the greifand of his subiects as bekumis ane prouident prince to do, hes depensit and be thir presentis

dispensis with that pairt of the said act concerning the payment of ony impost vpoun wynes sauld furth of this country and declairis that na executioun sall follow thairvpoun in ony tyme cumming, and at the nixt Parliament his Grace will caus his estaitis ather to mak ane act dispensand with the same in all tyme thairefter or vtherwayis to [be] anullit as may best serue for the saidis burrowis securitie to be frie of the payment thairof; as alsua his majestie hes declairit and declairis that the sowme of aucht pundis money of this realme salbe in all tymes heirefter the availl and pryce of the saidis thrie crownis continit in the said act forsaid sua that the merchandis trafiquers with wynes salbe alanarlie obleist to pay to his maisties collectour the sowme of aucht punds of impost vpoun euerie tun of wyne arryvand within this realme onle: AND SICLYKE his maistie, forseing that incais thair be ony vther collectour appoyntit for gaddering of the said impost bot ane of thair awin estait quha knawis best thair handling tred and trafique it may nocht onlie hurte and annoy thame bot alsua for laik of knawlege of thair doingis it may tend greitlie to his maiesties discommoditie, his hienes thairfoir and to the effect that all merchandis fra quhome ony wynes salbe takin in ony tyme heirefter to his maiesties vse salbe thankfullie payit of the same, quhilk his hienes willis maist eirnestlie to be done, of his graces gudnes willis and declairis in all tyme cummig euer as the said office of collectour vaikis that thairefeter sall be ane of the merchantis estait new chosin to serve thairin as followis, viz. that the prouest baillies and counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh for the tyme sall present to his maistie thrie burgessis of the said burgh, merchantis trafiqueris substantious and responsabill landit men within the same, to serve in the said office for the quhilkis thay sall be haldin to ansuer, out of the quhilk number it may pleis his maistie to electt and cheis ane quha sall haif the feis and dewteis belangand to the said office, and befoir he be admittit to ressaue ony pairt of the said impost he sall find sufficient cautioun and souertie within the said burgh actit in the buikis thairof for payment to the merchantis of all wynes quhilk salhappin to be takin for the tyme to his maisties vse of the first and readdiest of the said impost according to the pryces that salbe sett zeirlie thairon be sic as hes powar gevin to thame to that effect be the act of parliament, and to mak compt raikning and payment of the superplus of the samyn to his maisties comptrollair for the tyme: AND ALSUA his maiestie, for the gude trew and thankfull service done and to be done to his hienes be the inhabitantis of the saidis burrowis, and to gif thame gude occasioun vpoun his graces pairt as ane loving prince to continew thair gudewillis and effectiouns towardis his hienes service, as als to moue thame to be advanceris and forderaris of his graces commoditie and proffite, his maistie promittis to the saidis burrowis that the payment of thair customes sall nocht be alterit nor changit fra the forme that hes bene vsit thir fortie zeiris bygane, sua lang as the said impost is liftit and that the saidis merchantis behaifis thameselfis dewtefullie and thankfullie towards his maistie and defraudis him nocht in payment thairof, becaus it is his hienes will and mynd that thair be nocht doubill burdings or exactionis layit vpoun

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thame at ony tyme: IN LYKEMANER, inrespect that it is heavillie menit to his maistie be the saidis burrowis that thair is dyveris and gryte sowmes of money awand to sum merchantis thairof for wynes quhilkis war taken to the provisioun of his maiesties hous befoir the tak sett to the burrowis of the customes, his Hienes thairfore, being verray weill myndit to sie the samyn satisfeit and payit, is content and consentis that the collectour of the saidis impostis sall retene and keip zeirlie in his awin hand the sowme of ane thousand merks thairof to pay the said merchantis for the wynes restand awand to thame in maner foirsaid, begynand the first payment thairof of the crop j^{m} v^{c} foure score allevin zeiris: QUHILKIS haill conditiouns foirsaidis his maiestie, in signe and token of his graces gudewill borne towardis the burrowis, and to the effect that thair posteritie may vnderstand how beneficiall his hienes hes bene to thame, his maiestie wills the same to be confermit and approvit in the nixt parliament, provyding that thay behave thameselfis dewtifullie and defraude nocht his maiestie of his commoditie as is abouewritten. *Et sic subscribitur.* JAMES R. Cancellarius Craufurde, Spynie, Newbottill, Coldenknowis, Linclowden, Arbroth comptroller, Sir Robert Meluell, Mr G. Young, clericus registri.

26th November 1591.

Adame Fullertouns money, Burrowis. Vol. ix. fol 121.

The sam day, fynds that the toun will haif na actioun to ony byrwn annuell of the xij^{c} merk awand be the burrowis for Adame Fullerton's money, and thairforc thinks expedient and consents that the principall sowme be cravit of the burrowis without any annuell.

1st December 1591.

M'Nacht. Burrowis. Villa. Vol. ix. fol. 122.

The sam day, ordainis Roger Maknacht merchant to rayse and direct letteres for inbringing of the burrowis extent of the kings wynis this last tyme and for the viij^{c} ℔. awand to the guid toun be the said burrowis for the money avancet to Adam Fullerton in thair commoun affaires, gevand vnto the said Roger thair full power and commissioun heirto.

24th March 1591.

Raid of Kelso. Burrowis. Vol. ix. fol. 142.

The quhilk day, etc., ordanis lettres missiues to be direct to the burrowes following for thair pairts of the compositioun to abyde fra the raid of Kelso, to witt Lynlithgow for xx ℔. Northbervik v ℔. and Stirling for l merk, be ressoun the said sowmes is deburset be the guid toun.

12th April 1592.

Mekill. Burrowis imposts. Vol. ix. fol. 145.

The sam day, grantis thame to haif resauet fra Androw Mekill merchant the soum of twa hunder foure scoir sevin punds threttein schillings foure pennneis

money of this realme be delyuerance thairof maid to Ihonn M'Morane thesaurer in thair names, and that in compleit payment of all the imposts collected at Edinburgh and Leith and resauet fra the remanent burrowes of this realme be vmquhill Robert Gourlaw his maiesties generall collectour thairof and be himselff in his name for the commissioners expenssis that past in France in the burrowes effairis in the zeir of God j^{m} v^{c} foure scoir twa zeiris, and for the expenssis of vmquhill Mr George Hakkett conseruatour and Ihonn Gourlaw commissioners quha past in the burrowis effairis to Ingland and Flanders in the zeir of God j^{m} v^{c} four scoir sex zeirs, and for the commissioners that past to France in the burrowis effairis in the zeir of God j^{m} v^{c} foure scoir aucht zeiris, except the soum of threttie thre pund sex shillings foure penneis restand awand be the said Androw to the burrowis vpoun the fute of his compt maid the xxj day of November j^{m} v^{c} foure scoir twa zeiris to the first day of December j^{m} v^{c} foure scoir thre zeiris, of the impost collected for the saids commissioners expenssis that past in France in the burrowes effairis in the said zeir of God j^{m} v^{c} foure scoir twa zeiris as said is; for the quhilk the said Androw sall be ansuerabill to the burrowes, and quhatsumeuir other rest the said burrowes sall fynd awand be the said vmquhill Robert Gourlaw collectour or the said Androw to thame vpoun the fute of any compts of imposts resauet be the said vmquhill Robert and Androw sen the said first day of December j^{m} v^{c} foure scoir thrie zeiris the said prouest baillies counsall and thesaurer and thair sucessouris, provost baillies counsall and thesaurer oblissis thame to warrand releif and keip skaythles the aires and executours of the said vmquhill Robert and the said Androw thairof at the hands of the saids burrowes and all otheris quhom it effeiris, and that inrespect of the said soum of twa hunder foure scoir sevin punds threttein shillings iiijd. resauet be the said thesaurer in thair names in compleitt payment as said is.

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13th September 1592.

The quhilk day, etc., ordainet missiues to be direct to the burrowes of Perth, Dundy, Stirling, Glasgow, Sanctandrois, to send thair commissioners to this burgh agane the xxv of September instant anent the mater of the conseruatour and excyse beir and wyne in the Campheir, conform to the directioun of the burrowes.

Burrowes. Conseruatour. Vol ix. fol. 163.

22d September 1592.

The quhilk day, etc., names and constitutes Ihonn Robertsoun and Edward Gallbrayth commissioners for the guid toun to convene with the rest of the burrowes that wer written for to the xxv of this instant anent the mater of the conseruatour.

Commissio. Burrowes. Vol. ix. fol. 166.

15th December 1592.

The quhilk day, etc., makis and constitutes Ihonn Robertsoun and Eduard

Commissio. Conventioun. Vol. ix. fol. 177.

EDINBURGH, 15th Dec. 1592.

Gallbrayth commissioners for the guid toun to the conventioun of burrowis appoyntet by the kings maistie to the xxviij of December instant for forder order to be tayne anent his maiesties wynes and customes, and appoynts Roger Maknacht and Alexander Owsteane to assist and gif thair consultatioun.

12th January 1592.

Commissio. Conventioun. Papysts. Vol. ix. fol. 180.

The quhilk day, etc., makis and constitutes Ihonn Ihonestoun and Alexander Owsteane commissioners for the guid toun to convene with the rest of the commissioners of burrowes presentlie assemblit with the barronis for the mater of the conspiraceis of the papists within this realme laitlie detectet, and for ansuer to the kings maisteis articles concerning the said mater.

30th June 1593.

Burrowes, Convention buik. Vol. ix. fol. 206.

The sam day, Iohn Robertsoun merchant producet the Regester buik of the conventioun of burrowes, quhilk thai ordainet to remayne in the hands of Mr Alexander Guthre, and to be patent to the proffeit of his brother in extracts.

21st November 1593.

Villa, burrowes agent, Doby thesaurer. Vol. ix. fol. 230.

The samyn day, compt and rekning beand maid betuix the said baillies and counsall and Richert Doby awld thesaurer in name of the guid toun on the ane pairt, and Iames Wynrame agent to the burrowis of this realme and collectour of thair extents vnderwritten in name of the said burrowes on the other pairt, anent the sowmes vnderwritten awand be the burrowes and this burgh euery ane to others, fynds that the said burrowes is addettet to the said burgh in the sowme of ane thousand pund avanceit and borrowet be the said burgh to the effaires of the said burrowes, conform to ane act of burrowes maid vpoun the (*blank*) day of (*blank*), and that the said burgh is awand to the said burrowes the sowmes following, to witt :—the sowme of fourscoir nyne pund fyve schillings for thair pairt of the extent of thre hunder pund ordainet to be gevin to the burgh of Forfare, Mariorie Rowane, and to the perswitt of the forestalleris ; Item mair in the sowme of threscoir pund for the townis pairt of the feyis of Ihon Guthrie as generall clerk and of the said Iames as agent to the said burrowes: Item in the sowme of fourty-aucht pund fyve schillings for thair pairt of the soum of aucht scoir punds deburset be the said Iames as agent foresaid at this last parliament in the burrowes effaires: Item the sowme of twa hunder foure scoir sevintein punds for the townes pairt of the said sowme of ane thowsand punds. Summa of the said

sowmes awand be the said toun to the burrowes is foure hunder foure scoir fyftein pund; quhilk beand deducet and allowet to the guid toun in the said sowm of ane thowsand pund awand to thame be the said burrowes swa is the said burrowes zitt awand to the guid toun thairof the sowme of fyve hunder fyve pund; quhilk sowme the said Iames delyuerit to the said Richert Doby quha advanceit the said haill sowme of ane thowsand pund to the guid toun conform to ane act of counsall maid thairvpoun of the daitt the day of , lykeas the said Richert confest and grantet the ressaitt of the samyn in pairt of payment of the said sowme of ane thowsand punds and exonerit the guid toun thairof; and thairfore the said baillies and counsall grantis thame satisfeyet and payet be the said Iames in name of the said burrowes of the said sowme of ane thowsand punds and exoneris and discharges him and the said burrowes of the samyn for euir; lykeas alswa the said Iames as agent and collectour to the said burrowes confest and grantet him to be satisffeit and payet be the guid toun of the sowmes foresaid in maner abouewritten and of all sowmes that he can craif of the guid toun for the caussis foresaidis and exonerit and discharget thame and thair successouris and all others quhom it effeirs of the samyn for euir.

EDINBURGH, 21st Nov. 1593.

23d November 1593.

The quhilk day, etc., ordanis Patrik Cochrane thesaurer to caus extract the acts maid in this last parliament concerning the burrowes and this burgh in speciall, and the expenssis to be allowet in his compts.

Precept, thesaurer, acts of parliament. Vol. ix. fol. 231.

1st December 1593.

The quhilk day, etc., makis creats and constitutes Ihonn Purves, George Thornebrand, and Cornelius Cudbert, merchants, thair verray lawfull and vndowttet commissioneris to gif thair best avyse in name of the toun and burrowes to the lord Conservatour to the distributioun of the excyse beir and wyne amangs the factouris and commoun howssis of our natioun in the toun of Campheir, according to the act of burrowes maid thairvpoun be certane commissioners the secund day of Nouember last, and als to travell with the magestrats of the said toun of Campheir for obtening to oure natioun of ane augmentatioun of the said excyse beir and wyne in maner contenit in the said act, quhairof ane autentik extract is delyuerit to the saidis persouns, quhom thai ordane to report be writt thair procedings in the said mater at thair returne, and that thai pas nocht the bounds of the said act.

Commissio. Excyse beir and wyne. Campheir Vol. ix. fol. 233

17th December 1593.

The quhilk day, etc., ordains Iames Wynrame agent to the burrowes to

Burrowis, Conseruatour. Vol. ix. fol. 235

EDINBURGH, 17th Dec. 1593.

direct missiues to the maist principall to send thair commissioners to this burgh agane the xj of Januar nixttocum to consult vpoun the caus of the burrowes aganis the conseruatour.

11th January 1593.

Commissio, Estaitts, Burrowes. Chekkar. Vol. ix. fol. 239

The quhilk day, etc., names and constitutes Roger Maknicht and Edward Galbrayth commissioners for the guid toun to the present conventioun of Estaitts and of the burrowes convenit thairto, as als to the lords of Chekker, and Jhonn Jhonestoun collectour to be present and to assist thame.

8th February 1593.

Burrowes. Taxt roll of thair pairt of the jcm. li. Vol. ix. fol. 243

The quhilk day, etc., vnderstanding that the estaitts in this generall conventioun hes grantet vnto the kings maiestey ane extent of ane hunder thowsand pund to be tayne vpoun the haill realme, and that the commissioners of burrowes hes departet nocht taking ordour quhow thai suld be extentet; thairfore, and to keip the burrowes in possessioun of setting thair awin taxatioun, gevis power and commissioun to Jhonn Arnott, Rychert Doby, Jhonn M'Moranne, James Sandelands, with James Wynrame agent for the burrowes, to sett the taxt roll of the saids burrowes according to the conventioun buik, and the saymn to be gevin furth to the kings grace collectouris vnder the subscriptioun of Maister Alexander Guthre commoun clerk of this burgh.

22d February 1593.

Precept. Thesaurer. Conseruatour. Vol. ix. fol. 245

The sam day, ordanis Patrick Cochrane thesaurer to gif furth ane other rose nobill to the other twa alreddy gevin to the aduocats in the defence of the burrowes caus aganis the conseruatour, and the samyn sall be allowet.

31st July 1594.

Commissioun, burrowes. Vol. ix. fol. 262.

The samyn day, makis and constitutes Henry Nesbet, Eduard Galbrayth, commissioners for the guid toun to the convention of the fyve burghs appoyntet within this burgh the first of August next for certane the burrowes effayres conform to the acts of the last conventioun of burrowes at Stirling.

7th March 1594.

Commissioneris. Conventioun of burrowes and estaits. Vol. x. fol. 23.

The sam day, makis creats and constitutes Henry Nesbet merchant and Eduard Galbraythe skynner commissioneris for the guid toun to the conventioun of certane

burrowes writtin for to convene in this burgh the xj of this instant, as als to the conventioun of estaitts the xij day in the said burgh. EDINBURGH, 7th Mar. 1594.

12th March 1594.

The sam day, Henry Nesbet electet commissioner to the conventioun of the burrowes and estaitts being straitly and airnestlie vrget to accept the said office and alltuterlie refusand the sam, that the toun be nocht disappoyntet thay electet Ihonn M^c^Moran baillie in his place with Eduard Galbrayth. Nesbet. Commissioners. Vol. x. fol. 23.

30th July 1595.

The same day, names and constitutes Richert Doby baillie and George Hereott younger commissioners for the guid toun to the particular conventioun of the commissioners of sevin burrowes, appoyntet be the last generall conventioun to conventioun at this burgh the first of August nixtt, for certane thair commoun effaires specially contenit in the acts of the said last conventioun. Commissioners to the 7 burrowes. Vol. x. fol. 37.

6th August 1595.

The sam day, etc., ordaines Clement Cor and George Hereott elder to pas to the kings grace and to assist the remanent burrowes in complayning vpoun the transporting of the woll furth of the realme contra the acts of parliament and acts of burrowes, and to the greitt hurt of the realme and lieges, gevand thame full power and commissioun thairto. Commissioners. Rex. Woll transporting. Vol. x. fol. 37.

19th December 1595.

The quhilk day, the baillies deyne of gild thesaurer and ane pairt of the counsall being convenit Iames Nicoll merchant producet the contract betuix the burrowes and the toun of Campheir concerning the staipill with the copy of ane signatour of the conseruatoury, quhilk wes delyuerit to Mr Alexander Guthre commoun clerk. Nicoll. Contract of Campheir. Vol. x. fol. 56.

23d June 1596.

The sam day, ordanis Ihonn Iaksoun thesaurer to bye ane sufficient trunk to serue the commissoners to the conventioun of burrowes and he to resaue it agane fra thame at thair returne and keipit to the townes vse, and the pryce to be allowet in his compt, and the said thesaurer to mak the sam furthcummand to the townes vse. Precept Thesaurer Trunk. Vol. x. fol. 81.

EDINBURGH, 16th July 1596.

16th July 1596.

Commissioners. Particulare conventioun of burrowes. Vol. x. fol. 83.

The sam day, makis creatts and constitutes Henry Nesbet and Thomas Aikinheid thair commissioners to the particulare conventioun of certane burrowes appoyntet be the generall [conventioun] to convene at Edinburgh the xx of this instantt, and appoynts Ihonn Robertsoun, Ihonn Moresoun, Richert Doby, Eduard Galbrayth, Alexander Owsteane, to convene with the saids commissioners and assist thame with thair best counsall.

28th December 1597.

Commissio. Taxatioun of the burrowes. Vol. x. fol. 161.

The samyn day, gevis commissioun to Henry Nesbet prouest, Alexander Hunter, Rychert Doby, Alexander Myller, to convene and sett the taxt roll of the haill burrowes of this realme for thair pairt of the kings grace generall taxatioun of ij^{cm} merks.

11th July 1599.

Report. Commissioners burrowes. Vol. x. fol. 240.

The quhilk day, etc., comperit Rychert Doby and William Penstoun quha wes commissioners direct for the toun to the generall conventioun of burrowes begun and haldin at Lynlithgow the day of this instant, and maid report of thair procedings in the said conventioun and cawset reid the acts thairof, and thairvpoun asket acts and instruments.

15th August 1599.

Commissio. Conseruatour in Ingland. Vol. x. fol. 245.

The sam day, makis creats and constitutes William Hamiltoun baillie, and William Symontoun deykin of the hammermen, thair commissioners to compeir before our souerane lord the xv day of August instant and all other dayes neidfull with the rest of the commissioners of the aucht burrowes writtin for be his maiestie for the mater of the conseruatourie in Ingland, as at lenth is contenit in his maiesties missiue lettre direct thairanent, and thair to schaw and declair that that mater is nocht ane of the caussis and effaires comprehendit vnder the act of the commissioun gevin be the last generall conventioun of burrowes haldin at Linlithgow vnto thame, be ressoun it is ane mater that wes dependant before the saidis burrowes at the said conventioun, and als is ane mater that nocht onelie concernis thair estaitt bot concernis the haill realme and haill estaits thairof and forder to schaw that the said haill burrowes in thair said generall conventioun commettet that mater to sevintein burrowis to meitt at Edinburgh the thrid of August instant, quha beand convenit hes gevin furth thair decisioun and determinatioun thairvpoun, and thairfore that thai can nocht be vertew of that commissioun

gevin to the aucht burrowes intreatt vote nor ressoun vpoun the samyn nor yitt gif thair new voits vpoun ane mater that is decydet be thame that had full commissioun thairto, and generally, *promittentes de rato.* EDINBURGH, 15th Aug. 1599.

6th February 1601.

The samen day, elect and constituittis Rodger Maknaucht and Patrik Sandilandis thair commissioners to the conwentioun of estaittis to be begune and haldine at Halyrudhous the tent of Februar instant, and siclyk to the conwentione of burrowes at the said tyme, and Richard Dobie and George Foullis to be with thame at the meitting of the burrowes. Commissio. Estaittis. Burrowis. Vol. xi. fol. 31.

17th July 1601.

The sam day, ordanis Patrik Eleis thesaurer to pay to Roger Maknacht baillie the sowm of fyftie thre punds sextein shillings ten penneis, deburset be him for him self and his cumpany quha wes laitlie direct to Falkland to his Maiestie for the mater of the ministers. Mair, to gif to him aucht merks gevin Ihonn Oliphant for the copy of the lord Hamiltouns new signatour of the hous in the Kirk of Feyld. Mair, sex li foure s. deburset for disione and drynk to commissioners of burrowes laitlie convenit in this burgh. Precept, Thesaurer. Maknacht. Vol. xi. fol. 48.

8th January 1602.

The quhilk day, etc., gevis commission to the thesaurer, Rychert Doby, Roger Maknacht, George Hereott, elder, Ihonn Carmichael, William Wewlands, to heir and fute the compts of Thomas Speir of the twa thousand merks resauet be him to deburse vpoun the effaires of the clayth making, togidder with the compts of Ihonn Nesbet and all others of the sowmes concerning the said clayth and deburset vpoun the strayngers ; als to mak ane taxt roll of the sowmes awand be the burrowes to the guid toun for the said clayth, and Alexander Peirsoun baillie to be with thame and convene thame. Commissio. Clayth. Compts. Burrowes. Extent. Vol. xi. fol. 73.

15th January 1602.

The quhilk day, etc., fynds be the compts that the burrowes will be awand to the toun the sowme of foure thowsand thre hunder punds as deburset vpoun the effayres of the clayth making, quhairin is comprehendet the towns awin pairt thairof, and thairfor thai ordane Rychert Doby and Roger Maknacht to sett the Burrowes. Clayth. Vol. xi. fol. 73.

EDINBURGH, 15th Jan. 1602.

burrowes extent thairof, and Ihonn Nesbet to rayse lettres thairvpoun and caus thame be chairget thairwith.

30th April 1602.

Weir. Burrowes. Clayth. Vol. xi. fol. 86.

The quhilk day, etc., gevis thair power and commissioun to Niniane Weir messenger and sic as he sall deputt vnder him for quhom he sall be haldin to ansuer, and in speciall to Daniell Boyle and Androw Dumbar quhom he has namet to that effect, to resaue fra the burrowes the sowmes awand to the guid toun for the mater of the clayth, and they to mak payment agane to him thairof.

16th May 1604.

Precept, thesaurer. Wynrahame Wairdlaw. Vol. xi. fol. 148.

The sam day, etc., ordanis Hector Raa thesaurer to pay to James Wynrahame agent to the burrowis the soume of fyftie sevin punds ten shillings for the townis pairt of the burrowes taxatioun of thre hunder merks grantet the second of May instant for making the expenssis of extracting or transuming of the burrowes chartour maid to the haill burrowes be King Dauid, and others thair effayres, specifeyit in the acts maid thairanent; and siclyke to pay to Ihonn Wardlaw, writter, the sowme of threttie nyne punds thre schillings four pennies, and to his seruand thre punds of drynk syluer, for billis lettres and writts written be him to the towne sen the twenty sevin of Apryle j^{m} vj^{c} and thre yeirs conform to his particulare compt gevin in thairvpoun, and the samen to be allowet to the said thesaurer in his compts, schawand thir presents with the saidis pairteis acquittance for his warrand.

31st July 1605.

Commissio. Burrowes. Vol. xi. fol. 179.

The samyn day, maks and constitutes Roger Maknacht, Rychart Doby, Ihonn Robertson, George Fowlis, thair commissioners to the particulare conventioun of burrowes to be halden within this burgh this sevint of August nixttocum.

9th August 1605.

Nesbet ij^{m} merks. Burrowes. Vol. xi. fol. 180.

The sam day, vnderstanding be report of thair commissioners quha were appointet to convene with the commissioners of burrowes in the particulare conventioun haldin within this burgh the sext of August instant that, at thair requeist and the remanent commissioners, Ihonn Nesbet hes vndertaiken to borrow vpoun proffeit for ane yeir the sowm of twa thowsand merks for owtredding of Thomas Fyscheir and William Speir, appoyntet commissioners toward Ingland and France in certane

the burrowes effayris conform to ane act maid thairanent, thairfor and for the saids Ihonns better securitie, quhairby he may be repayet agane and be na loser, the said baillies and counsall bynds and oblissis thame and thair successours in thair said offices to warrand freith releve and keip the said Ihonn Nesbett skaythles of the said principall soum annuell and expenssis thairof and of all cost skayth damnage entres and expenssis that he sall happin to sustene throw the borrowing of the samyn.

EDINBURGH, 9th Aug. 1605.

The sam day, the said baillies and counsall bynds and oblissis thame and thair successours in thair offices to refund content and pay to Thomas Fyschear and William Speir, quha ar directet commissioners for the burrowes toward Ingland and France in certane thair effayres, conform to ane act maid thairanent, all and quhatsumeuir expenssis it sall happin the saidis persouns to deburse necessarlie in thair said jornay, bye and attour the sowme of twelf hunder punds to be delyuerit to thame be Ihonn Nesbet in name of the burrowes for defraying of thair said chairges, vpoun compt and rekning alwayes to be maid be thame of the samyn.

Nesbet. Burrowes.

15th May 1606.

The quhilk day, the baillies and counsall presently convenit makis and constitutes Alexander Peirsoun and George Fowlis thair commissioners to the particulare conventioune of certane burrowes to be begun and haldin within this burgh this present day and the deyne of gild, Richard Doby, Roger Maknacht, Niniane Makmorane, George Heriott, to assist thame.

Commissio. Burrowes. Vol. xi. fol. 201.

13th June 1606.

The sam day, makis and constitutes Alexander Peirsoun baillie and George Heriott thair commissioners to the conventioun of burrowes to be begun and haldin at Dundie the fyft of Iuly nixt, and ordanis Niniane M'Morane and Eduard Ker tailyeour to assist thame, and gevis thame the said Niniane and Eduard power and commissioun to compeir before the commissioners of burrowes the said day and in thair names to desyre the said commissioners to travell airnistlie for taking away the diuisioun and present disscentioun fallin owt in the said burgh as thai tender the weill of the estaitt and as it becummis ane chrystian dewty and nocht to leif the sam lowse or in suspence ; as alswa gevis commissioun to the said Niniane and Eduard to travell with bayth the pairteis to that effect in thair names to the vttermost, and desyres thair commissioners direct to the said conventioun at Dundie and thair commissioners to the parliament at Perth to assist thame thairintil, *promittentes de rato.*

Commissio, burrowes. Dundie. Vol. xi. fol. 205.

EDINBURGH, 2d Feb. 1607.

2d February 1607.

Commissio. Fyschear. Speir. Ingland. Precept, thesaurer. Vol. xi. fol. 223.

The quhilk day, etc., comperit Archibald Bawld messenger and chairgeit thame be lettres of the Secreitt Counsall to direct Thomas Fyschear and William Speir merchants to Ingland for the maters of the Vnioun and the said persouns to accept of the said burding, and thairfore the said baillies and counsall fynds gude to direct missiues to the last burrowes that convenit for the said materis of before to gyf thair avyse and concurrence, and to convene on Fryday nixt for that effect and geving the instructiouns, and for making the saidis persouns chairges ordeanis Alexander Makmath theasurer to borrow the sowme of twelf hunder pund money to be delyuerit to the saidis persouns for thair expenssis vpoun compt and rekning to be maid be thame of the samyn to the baillies and counsall of this burgh.

10th August 1608.

Commissio. M'Call. Dumbartane. Vol. xi. fol. 265.

The sam day, Rychart Doby, William Speir, James Aynislie, baillies deyne of gild thesaurer and counsall presently convenit, makis and constitutes Mungo Makcall merchant thair commissioner to pas to Dumbartane in the townes name and to meitt thairwith the commissioner appoyntet be the burrowes to convene thairat the xv day of this instant, and to tak order with the wark of preservatioun of the said burgh fra the invndatiouns of water and with the sowmes grantet thairto be the estaitts conform to the act of burrowes maid thairanent.

31st January 1610.

Burrowes. Flemyngs. Fyscheing in the Scotts seyes. Vol. xii. fol. 27.

The quhilk day, the baillies deyne of gild theasaurer and counsall presently convenit ordanis lettres missiues to be direct to the burrowes of Lynlithgow, Stirling, Glasgow, Haddingtoun, Perth, Sanct Androis, Dumbar, Brunt Island, Kingorne, Kirkcaldy, Dysart, Pittinweyme, Craill, Dundie, to convene at this burgh on Mononday nixtt at nyne houris before none to consult togidder anent the mater proponit to my lord provest be my lord Chancellare of the Flemyngs quha ar to seik liberty of fyscheing within the Scotts seyis at the Kings maiestie, and thairfore desyrand the burrowes informatioun quhat hurt and preiudice it may do to this realme.

5th October 1610.

EDINBURGH, 5th Oct. 1610.

Mussilburgh. Rex. Commissio, Nesbet. Vol. xii. fol. 4'

The sam day, vnderstanding that the toun of Mussilburgh hes obtenit ane signatour past for erecting thame in ane frie burgh quhilk will be veray preiudiciall to this burgh, thairfor thai haif fund guid and ordanit James Nesbet merchant to pas to Ingland to the king with lettres and informatioun for thame to his maiestie and to my lord Dumbar, Chancellare, and sic other freynds as is neidful for informing thame and for staying of the said erection with all credite necessar, and the gude toun to defray the said James charges and expenssis the said jornay.

21st November 1610.

Precept, thesaurer. Nesbett, last yeirs compt. Vol. xii. fol. 51.

The quhilk day, etc., ordanet that the said thesaurer sall pay to James Nesbett merchant the sowme of fyftie punds fyftein schillings tua pennies stirling, for his expenssis in his jornay and commissioun to Ingland to the kings maiestie and my lord Chancellare and the Erle of Dunbar in the townis effayres at the counsall directioun, namelie anent the mater of Mussilburgh conform to the commissioun gevin to the said James and according to his compt gevin in of his said expenssis, and the sam to be allowet to the said thesaurer in his last yeirs compts.

14th June 1611.

Commissioners. Mussilburgh. Vol. xii. fol. 64.

The sam day, at the requeist of my lord Chancellare agreyis and consents that thair commissioners to the conventioun of burrowes sall condescend and grant that the tounis of Mussilburgh and Fyscherraw haif liberty to mak heyring at Dumbar nochtwithstanding thai be vnfrie.

2d August 1611.

Borrowing iij^{m} li to the burrowes. Vol. xii. fol. 66.

The quhilk day, etc., being convenit in counsall, vnderstanding that certane commissioners of burrowes, in ane particulare conventioun haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the last of Julij last, hes thocht expedient that Iames Nesbet merchant, Alexander Rutherfurde provest of Aberdeyne, Ihonn Lokkert lait provest of Air, and Patrik Greiff in Brunt Iland, sall be direct commissioners for the haill burrowes to pas to the kings maiestie for obtening ane discharge of the persuit maid be my Lord Burlie vpoun the penall act of Parliament aganis the taking of mair nor ten of the hunder, and for the mater of the customes bulzeon and other thair commoun effayres, and hes desyret this burgh to borrow the sowme of thre thowsand punds for thair chairges and other thair effayres to be refoundet at the nixt generall conventioun, as the act maid thairvpoun the said day proports; thairfore

EDINBURGH, 2d Aug. 1611.

the saidis provest baillies counsall and deykins of crafts hes agreit and condiscendet to borrow the said soume to the effect foresaid and to gif thair obligatioun to the lenners thairof for refounding the sam at Witsunday nixt.

5th February 1613.

Precept, thesaurer. Hamiltoun Agent at Court. Vol. xii. fol. 111.

The quhilk day, etc., being convenit in counsall, for many and guid caussis and consideratiouns moving them tending to the weill of this burgh and of the haill burrowes, ordanis Patrik Eleis thesaurer to borrow vpoun proffeitt the soume of fyftie pund stirling, and gif and delyuer the sam to Mr Patrik Hamiltoun secretare deputt at court with his maiestie and that for his half term fie agent to the haill borrowes, and fynds guid that Iames Wynraham agent for the burrowes sall be movet to tak the sam as borrowet be him in name of the burrowes to that vse, of the quhilk sowm thay obleis thameselffs and thair successours to relief the said thesaurer of the profeitt thairof.

2d April 1613.

Precept, thesaurer. Fyndare. Vol. xii. fol. 116.

The quhilk day, etc., ordanis Patrik Edzear thesaurer to pay to Thomas Fyndare, post, the sowme of sax punds for to pas to gif the burrowes the lettres missiues for ane conuentioun anent Stercovius, quhilk sall be allowet in his compts.

7th April 1613.

Precept, thesaurer. Arbroth. Vol. xii. fol. 116.

The quhilk day, etc., grantis and gevis to the burgh of Arbroth the soum of twa hunder and fyftie marks to be imployet vpoun the reparatioun of thair heavin and harberie according to thair supplicatioun gevin to the conventioun of burrowes, and thairfore ordanis Patrik Eleis thesaurer to mak thame payment of the said sowme quhilk sall be allowet in his compts.

2d June 1613.

Precept, thesaurer. Hammiltoun. Vol. xii. fol. 120.

The sam day, ordanis Patrik Eleis thesaurer to borrow in name of the toun vpoun proffeitt the sowme of fyftie pund stirling money and to pay the same to Mr Patrik Hammiltoun agent for the burrowes and the toun at court, and that for the other half yeiris payment of his pensioun, and to report the said Mr Patriks acquittance thairof, and the said sowme sall be allowet to the said thesaurer in his compts.

30th June 1613.

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Burrowes. Stercovius. Vol. xii. fol. 122.

The sam day, ordanis the baillies and the commissioners for the toun quha wes at the conventioun of the burrowes at Dunbar to meitt and assist with the burrowes presentlie convenit and wayrnet befor the Secreitt Counsall for the mater of Stercovius.

6th August 1613.

Constitutio procuratorum Customes. Burrowes. Vol. xii. fol. 125.

The quhilk day, etc., maks creats and constitutes Maisters Alexander King, Iohn Nicolsoun, Thomas Howpe, and Iohn Dawling, aduocats, assessouris to the toun coniunctlie and seuerally, thair verray lawfull procuratours to compeir for thame before the Lordis of our Souerane Lords Chaiker quhatsumeuir [tyme] and plaice convenient, thair to consent to the registering and inserting of the decreit arbitrall maid and gevin be the judges arbitratouris and amicabill compositouris chosen be the commissioners of burrowes on the ane pairt and the takkismen of our Souerane lords customes and impost of wynes on the other pairt, as the samyn of the daitt at Edinburgh the penult day of Julij last bypast 1613 mair fullie proports, in the buikis of the said lords of Chekkare *ad perpetuam rei memoriam*, conform to the said decreitt in all poynts, *promittentes de rato.*

Decreitt Arbitrall. Burrowes Customeis.

The sam day the said baillies and counsall ordanis the decreit arbitrall vnderwrittin to be insert and registratt in thair counsall buik of the quhilk the tenour followes:

WE, Ihonn Archibyschop of Glasgow, Sir Thomas Hammiltoune of Byres knycht Secretare of Scotland, Sir Gedeon Murray of Eleybank knight thesaurer depute of Scotland, judges arbitratouris and amicabill compositouris chosin be the commissioners of burrowes on the ane pairt and the takkismen of our Souerane lordis customes and impost of wynes on the other pairt, for agreying and satling of all contrauerseis standing betuix the saidis pairteis anent the payment of his Maiesteis customes and impost of wynes and anent the buik of raitts thairof, having resauet his maiesteis lettres direct to me the said Sir Thomas Hamiltoun, the tenour quhairof followes : Trustie and weillbelouit counsallours we greitt yow weill. Quhairas Mr Iohne Hay commissioner sent in name of the borrowis of this oure kingdome haith laitlie preferred vnto us certane articles concerning oure custome thair, and maist humblie desyrit ws in name of the saidis borrowis first to graunt thame a liberatioun of the tume tries of all wynes imported within that oure kingdome left with the mariner for fraught frome the payment of any customes ; and nixt that the outward custom laitlie imposed vpone salmond and the natiue cloath of that cuntrie may be resonablie moderatted; and, thridlie that the custome of all Inglisch natiue commodities may be reducit to the proportioun of the outward custome payit for the same in this realme; and, finallie that we wald caus a declaratioun of oure will and plesour to be prefixit in this new buik of raittes to be imprented that the customes thair be heirefter vplifted with sutch favour

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and allowance as haith bene vsit heirtofore and is agrieabill to the custome thairin obseruit in all vther kingdomes. Quhairin as we knaw not howsoeuir our present graunt micht preiudge ws in the rouping our customes and proffeit heirefter, so ar we maist willing in so far as we may be without our hurt and hinderance thairin, to geve thame all iust and ressonabill contentment; and forasmutch as we haif thocht it more expedient to committ the cair and consideratioun heirof rather to a few than generallie to refer the same to oure haill counsall thair, and thinking none of that number more fitt for this imployment then the Archebischope of Glasgow, yourselfi, and Sir Gedeon Murray our deputtie thesaurer, it is thairfore our speciall plesour that zow and they being convenit togither wey and deulie consider in how far these thair desyres ar agrieabell to resoun, and that ye call before zow thrie of the fermorerit of our customes thair and sutch commissioneris of the borrowis as salbe conveniens for that effect, and that haifing hard both pairties as we haf euir bene wele pleased inasmutch as oure awin proffeitt to respect the preservatioun of traid and not to allow any sutch impositioun to be layit or vplifted as may hurt or vndoe the same, that even so in these thair demands ze wald equallie respect alsweill the one as the vther, graunting thame satisfactioun in ther foresaids desyres in sa far as thay cary with thame iust respectes and motiwes, without preiudice of our present proffeit and rouping of our customes heirefter. For doeing quhairof these salbe vnto zow and zour foirsaidis associattes a commissioun and warrand sufficient and so we bid zow fairweill, at Newmarkett the tuentie ane of Januar 1613. Ws for obedience of his Maiesties directioun gevin vnto ws be the said lettre, haiffing convenit before ws ane nwmber of the saidis commissioneris and takkismen of his hienes customes and haifing schawen the said lettre vnto thame, thay, for a testimonie of thair willing myndes to geve to his maiestie full contentment and satisfactioun, haif submittit all controversies depending betuixt thame anent the said buik of raittes to ws, as in thair particular submissiounes, that for the commissioners of burrowis pairt thairof maid in thair conventioun of borrowis haldin at Edinburgh the first day of July, instant, extractit and subscryuit be Mr Alexander Guthrie thair generall clark; and that for the saidis takkismen of the customes subscriuit be William Murray Niniane Makmorrane, Mr Iohne Hammiltoun, Archibald Prymrose, Mr Iohne Drummond, James Arnote, Mr Alexander Androw, Michael Finlayson, Iohn Mackesoun, and Mr Robert Lindesay, for thame selffis and takand the burdene on thame for the rest of thair pairteneris of the daitt the 15th day of Julij instant at mair lenth is contenit; and thair we, haifing hard the greiffes of the saidis commissioneris of borrowis anent the said book of raittes and the ansueris gevin thairvnto be the saidis takkismen of the customes and being ryplie advysit thairwith, we, efter mature deliberatioun, haifing God and guid conscience before oure eyes, haif decernit and declarit and be the tennour heirof with consent of baith the saids pairties DECERNIS and DECLAIRES, and for ane finall sentence PRONUNCES and DECERNIS, that fra the first day of November nixtocum to the full issue and outrunning of the fyve zeirs tak of his maiesties customes and impost of wynes sett to the saids takkismen,

they sall defease to the merchandis importers of wynes within this kingdome the impost of all twme tries of wynes that the saids merchands sall leave with the Maister of the schip quhairin the samyne wynes sal happin to be imported for the fraucht thairof, with this prouision alwayis that it sal be lawful to the saids takkismen to tak to their awin vse the said twme tries they payand the fraught thairof to the maister of the schip, quhilk gif the merchant sall refuis to yeild vnto the saids takkismen sall nowayes be obleist to defeas the impost thairof bot the merchant salbe subject to the payment of the samyn. As lykwayes we DECERNE and ORDAYNE that fra the said first day of November nixt to the full issue and outrunning of the said tak the saids takkismen sall onlie craive fra the merchantis transporters of salmond and grilses out of this kingdome of euerie last of the said salmond and grilses the soume of tuelf pundis money, and the merchants awneris and transporters thairof to be obleist in na farder payment. And finallie, in respect that the commissioners of borrowis acceptis and allowis of this oure decreit as a full satisfactioun to theme of all thair greives that thai haif or can alledge against the said buik of raittes, and that the saids takkismen of the customes for eschewing of any complaint to be maid be the saids borrowis heirtofore hes zeildit heirvnto, we, with consent of baith the saids pairties, DECERNIS and ORDANIS this oure decreit arbitrall to haif full strenth force and effect during the spaice above written butt appellatioun reclamatioun or contradictioun quhatsumeuir. And for the mair securitie, with consent of baith the saids parties, we DECERNE and ORDAYNES this same oure decreitt with the two submissiones abovewritten (the one thairof subscryuit be the said Mr Alexander Guthrie generall clark to the saids commissioneris of borrowis and the vther thairof subscryuit be the takkismen of the customes abovewritten) to be insert and registrat in the buikis of oure Soverayne Lords Exchekker and to that effect makkis and constituttes

oure procuratouris, *in vberiorj forma, promittentes de rato* &c. IN WITNES QUHAIROF, we togither with James Nisbett, Archibald Adesoun, Joseph Merjoriebankis and Patrik Edzer baillies of the burgh of Edinburgh (*blank*), for thameselffis and takand the burdene vpone theme for the haill borrowis of this realme, according to the power and warrand gevin vnto thame be the said act of submissioun, and the saidis takkismen of the customes abouewritten for thame selffis and takand the burdene vpon thame for the remanent vther pairties in taking of thair allowance and approbatioun of the premisses and consent gevin thairvnto, haif subscryuit thir presentis with our handis at Edinburgh the penult day of Julij the zeir of God 1613 zeires before thir witnesses *et sic subscribitur*. Glasgow, Sir T. Hammilton, Sir G. Murray, James Nisbett bailzie, Archibald Adesoun baillie, Joseph Marrioriebankis bailzie, P. Edzair bailze, William Murray, Johne Mackesoun, Ninian Makmorran, Mr Johne Drummond, Mr A. Prymrose, Mr Johne Hammilton, James Arnote, Michael Finlesoun, Mr Robert Lindesay, Mr Alexr. Andro, Mr Alexander Guthrie at command of the counsall of Edinburgh, A. Guthrie.

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Stercovius. Burrowes. Vol. xii. fol. 127.

The sam day, comperit Sir Thomas Hammiltoun of Byres knycht Secretare of Scotland, and red vnto thame his maiesties lettre direct vnto his maiesties [counsall] anent his maiesties will and mynd concerning the payment to Maister Patrik Gordeon and (*blank*) Gray of thair expenssis in perseuing in Pole and vther pairts ane Stercovius quha writt ane infamous buik contrair the Scottis natioun for the quhilk he was beheidit, and siclyk producet the lettre of Mr Patrik Hammiltoun agent for the burrowes quhilk wes inclosit thairin, with the quhilk the said baillies and counsall being avyset thay ordane lettres missiues to be direct to the haill burrowes for convening at this burgh the fourteyne of September nixtt for taking ordour in the said mater and giving ansuer to his maiestie.

20th October 1613.

Ramsay. Kirk of Campheir. Vol. xii. fol. 134.

The sam day, ordanis ane lettere to be direct to Mr Androw Ramsay, minister, to be heir the secund of Nouember nixt for intreatting with him to accept the charge of ane minister in the Scots Kirk in Campheir.

1st December 1613.

Commissio. Burrowes. Vol. xii. fol. 137.

The sam day, makis and constitutes Alexander Peirsoun baillie and George Fowlis thair commissioners to convene and concur with the burrowes that ar summonet befor the Secreit counsall the nynt of December instant (before the Secreitt Counsall) anent the mater of Starcovius, and Iames Nesbet and Eduard Ker to assist thame.

7th January 1614.

Kirk of Campheir. Vol. xii. fol. 140.

Ordainis lettres to be direct for wairning of the brughs of Dundye, Perth, Abirdeyne, Striveling, Glasgow, and Air, to convene the auchtene day of Ianuarij instant within this brugh, for planting of ane pastour for the natioun at the toun of Campheir.

6th April 1614.

Peirsoun. Excyse hering. Burrowes. Vol. xii. fol. 147.

The quhilk day, etc., the said Alexander Peirsoun baillie asket acts and instruments that he presentlie declayris vnto thame that the Secreitt Counsall hes desyret thame to aduerteis the burrowes that the Dwik of Lenox hes obtenit ane gift of our Souerane Lord of ane excyse to be tayne of all heyring to be tayne be north Buqhan Nes and hes desyret the burrowes to send and gif thair ressouns in

the contrare and thairfore the said baillies and counsall ordanis lettres to be writtin to Dundie Sanctandrois and north syde of Fyfe and to Dumbar to send thair commissioners to meitt at Edinburgh the fyftein day of May nixt to consult thairvpoun and gif thair ressouns to the Secreitt Counsale contrair the said gift. EDINBURGH, 10th June 1614.

10th June 1614.

The sam day, the provest baillies deyne of gild thesaurer and counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh ordanis Dauid Aikinheid and George Foullis, goldsmyth, maister of the cunzehous, thair commissioneris appoyntet for thame to conveyne at the nixt conventioun of burrowis to be haldin at Kirkcaldie vpone the fyft day of Julij nixt for consulting vpone the commoun effaires of the burrowis of this realme, to concure with the deakin and brether of the hammermen anent the supplicatione to be gevin in be thame to the commissioneris of burrowis thair conwenet, for reforming the fraud and deceit vsit be the haill pewderers of the said burgh of Edinburgh in mixtioun of thair pewder veschell with leid or vtherwayis making the same altogedder of leid, and conforming of thame to the law and order prescryuit be the saidis proveist baileis and counsall of the said burgh of Edinburgh, at mair lenth set doun in thair act of counsall maid thairanent of the dait the xj of December 1562, ratefeit and approvin be tham vpone the 16 of Ianuarij 1600 zeiris, conforme to the tennour of the said supplicatione to be gevin in be the said deikyn and brether of the said hammermen to the said commissioneris. Burrowes. Weir. Powderares. Vol. xii. fol. 153.

1st July 1614.

The same day ordanis Ihonn Byris thesaurer to pay to Mr Patrik Hammiltoun agent for the burrowes at court the sowme of sex hunder punds scotts awand to him be the burrowes for his pensioun of the terme of Witsounday last and ordanis thair commissioner to this approcheing conventioun of burrowes at Kirkcaldy to craif in the said burrowes pairt of the said pensoun and delyuer the sam to the said thesaurer for the touns releif of swamekill thairof. Precept thesaurer Hammiltoun Charge thesaurer. Vol. xii. fol. 155.

II.—FROM THE ACCOUNTS OF THE CITY.

EDINBURGH. 1552-1555.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF ALEXANDER PARK, TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF EDINBURGH, FROM MICHAELMAS 1552 TO MICHAELMAS 1553 :—

Item, payit for the provestis expensis in passing to the Conventioun to Stirling, be ane precept datit the ferd of August, ... x ℔

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF ROBERT GRAHAME, TREASURER, 1553–1554 :—

Discharge extraordinar.

Item, payit the xxij day of November to Duncane Wilsoun messenger for summonding of certane personis quhen the town ves chargit to Heidingtoun air, xxx s.

. . . . . .

Item, the xij day of December gevin to ane boy to pass to my Lord Ruthven to caus the Borrowis convene to Heidingtoun, ... v s.

Item, payit for the signet of the Quenis letteris, and drinksilver thairof, discharging paking of hirring in the Brinteland, and to James Hendersoun to pass yairto, quha remaint dyveris dayis thair, ... xxvj s. viij d.

. . . . . .

Item, payit to ane officer of armes quha proclamit the Quenis letters in the Brinteland, Kingorn, and Dysart, tuiching laiding and lossing and paking of hirring, ... xvj s.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF JOHN PRESTOUN, TREASURER, 1554-55 :—

Item, ye xxix day of July 1555 in expensis to William Craik, Alexander King and the comptaris, yair servandis, cheldering and horsis, with horsis hyrris, viij dayis in Sanct Johnestoun, beand commissioners of ye town at the Conventioun of Borrowis, ... x ℔ xvij s.

. . . . . .

Item, the xv day of September 1555 gewin to Alexander M'Gauchane, officer, to ryde to Dunde to the Conventioun of Borrowis to be haldin thair with ane writing, ... xxxij s.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF ARCHIBALD GRAHAME, TREASURER, 1555-56 :—

Item, xxij Januar quhen the commissioneris of Borrowis convenit in the tolbuith, twa quartis wyne and twa mainchotts price, ... v s. iiij d.
Item on the morne efter als mekill, ... v s. viij d.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF ALEXANDER PARK, TREASURER, 1556-57 :—

Item, the xxiiij day of Merche be ane precept deliverit for the expensis of the provest and certane of the counsale, maid upoun halding of ane hous to yame in Stirweling the tyme of the Conventioun thair, at the grantting of the greit taxt of iij^{xx} ꝯ punds, as the perticular tikkat of the daylie compt heir present to schaw beris, the sowme of, ... iij^{xx} xi ℔ xij s. ix d.

Note.—There is no reference to the Convention of Burghs in the Accounts from Michaelmas 1559 to Michaelmas 1562; nor in those from Michaelmas 1563 to 22d February 1566-67. The Accounts for the year 1562-63 are wanting, as are those from 22d February 1566-67 to Michaelmas 1579.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF ANDREW STEVINSON, TREASURER, 11TH NOVEMBER 1579 TO 11TH NOVEMBER 1580 :—

Item, the xix of Februar 1579 [1579-80] be ane precept gewin to Henry Nesbet, baillie, and Henry Chairteris, commissioneris sent to the Conventioun of Burrowis haldin at Glasgow, the sowme of thre scoir pundis, ... lx ℔

. . . . . .

Item, the xxiij of Merche 1579, be ane precept to Henry Nesbet and Henry Chairteris, commissioneris to Glasgow, quhilk thai war superexpendit xxj s.

. . . . . .

Item, be ane precept the ffourt of May 1580, ffor directing of certan missyves to the burrowis in the touns effaires, and xx s. to James Roger, wryter, ffor wryting thairof, ... xx s.

. . . . . .

Item, ye x of August, be ane precept to Henry Charters and James Nicol, commissioners to Abirdene, ffor thair expenssis thair and in Sanct Androis in the commoun effairis, as the particular compt beiris, ffour scoir fyftene ℔ ane s. viij d. iiij^{xx} xv ℔ j s. viij d.

Item, the xij day of August, be ane precept to John Dury ffor his expensis to Sanct Androis, ... iij ℔ xij d.

EDINBURGH CITY ACCOUNTS. 1580-1582.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF JOHN ROBERTSON, TREASURER, MARTINMAS 1580 TO MARTINMAS 1581 :—

Item, payit for ane banket to the commissioneris of Burrowes convenit at the assemblie in this burgh, conforme to ane precept of the dait the xvij day of May 1581, ... xliij ℔ xiiij s. viij d.

. . . . . .

Item, payit to Mr David Guthrie and the rest of the childer in the clerkes chalmer in drinksylver for thair lawbors in writing the messeves to the Burrowes, conforme to ane precept of the dait the xxvij day of September 1581, xxx s.

. . . . . .

Item, payit to Robert Ker, baillie, quhilk the said bailie debursit for the guid toune with the rest of commissioneris of Burrowes, at this last Convention, for certane wreits and utheris affaires of Burrowes, conforme to ane precept of the dait ye xvij day of October 1581, ... xx s.

. . . . . .

Item, payit to John Smyth, officiar, for furnesing of candle to the Burrowes at the last Conventioun, conforme to ane precept of the dait the x day of November 1581, xxvj s. viij d.

. . . . . .

Item, the iiij day of Merche, payit to the post of Innerness for careing of four wrytinges, ane to Innerness, ane to Forest, ane to Elgein, and ane to Thain, for convening of the commissioneris of the Burrowes, ... x s.

FROM THE ACCOUNTS OF JOHN ROBERTSON, TREASURER, MARTINMAS 1581 TO MARTINMAS 1582 :—

Item, payit to Robert Ker, bailzie, ane crone of the sone, price xlix s., debursit be the said bailze for consultatioun in the townes affairis, and of the Borrowis in thes last Parliament, conforme to ane precept of the dait the xxvj day of Junij 1582, xlix s.

Item, payit to the commissiereirs for the guid towne in the last Conventioun of Burrowis haldin at Perth the xvj day of Junij 1582, conforme to ane precept of the dait the iiij day of July 1582, ... xlvij ℔ xiij s. xd.

. . . . . .

Item, payit to Johne Harvoid, Dene of Gild, debursit be him in the townis affairis, for the expensis of certane men put in the steipil and keiping yairof the tyme of the appeirance of trowblis, and for sending away of certane messives to the Burrowis anent the new customs of France, and for the expensis of thrie hors quhilk

wes feit for Henrie Nisbeit, William Fairlie, and Alexandr Owstiane, to haue passit to Stryvling, conforme to ane precept of the dait the xxvj day of September 1582, xx li

Item, the xxij day of November 1581, payit to ane boy to gang with ane letter to Linlythgow to the counsel thair to send ane commissioner to treit with the rest of commissioners of Borrowis anent the raising of the new custumis, . v s.

Item, the foirsaid day, payit to ane boy to carie ane letter to Heddingtowne and Dunbar for the foirsaid effect, ... x s.

. . . . . .

Item, to ane boy that brocht messive for the Kingis grace to send commissioneris to the Conventioun, ... iij s.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF MUNGO RUSSELL, TREASURER, 11TH NOVEMBER 1582 TO 11TH NOVEMBER 1583 :—

Item, to Andro Lyndesay be ane precept of the counsale [Nov. 1582] for furnishing of wyne to the commissioneris of Burrowis sindrie efternonis, iij li viij s.

. . . . . .

Item, the secund day of Merche [1582-83], gevin at the provest baillies and counsalls command to send a man expreslie to Perth with writtis to caus thair commissioner come be ressone the haill commissioneris of Burrowis was convenit in Edinburgh, ... xx s.

Item, gevin afoir this tyme for sindrie billis to send to the Burrowis, xxx s.

Item, gevin to ane boy to go to Leith to caus John Guthre cum to the commissioneris of Burrowis, ... xij d.

Item, gevin to ane boy to go to Dudingstoun to Robert Ker to cum to the commissioneris, ... xij d.

. . . . . .

Item, the xxiiij day of Junij [1583], gevin to ane man to go with the billis of the towins to Culross, Innerkething, and Brunteland, to caus their commissioneris cum to Kinggorne and meit our commissioneris thair anent the customes, xv s.

. . . . . .

Item, the xij day of July, gevin to ane man to rin to Dunbar and Hadingtoun with twa bills and for to cum agane with the answer to the counsale towart the customs, ... x s.

. . . . . .

Item, the first day of August, gevin to Hendre Chairterhous that he laid out at the counsalls command for sending of four bills, ane to Perth, Dundie, Sanctandros, and Abirdene, for staying of the schiping of the skynnis to Flanders, xvj s. viij d.

. . . . . .

Item, the nynt day of August, gevin for sending of nyne bills to nyne Burrowis towart the answer of the cuntrie, to get thair ansswer to send our commissioneris to ga to the Kingis grace, ... xxx s.

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Item, gevin at that same tyme to Mr David Guthre and the childer of the clerks chalmer, for thair writting and reid wax to thame, . . ix s. vj d.

Item, the xvj day of August, gevin to an man to rin to Sanct Johnestoun, and Dundie, and Aberdenes bill to be gevin to the bailleis of Dundee to be send be thame to Abirdene, ... xxv s.

. . . . . .

Item, the last day of October, send ane man expreslie to bring answer fra thir Burrowis as eftir followis viz. to Perth, Dundie, Abirdene, Cowper, Sanctandrois, and Craill, aggreit with him thairfoir for, . . . iiij lib. x s.

Item, the same day, send ane uther man expreslie to thir Burrowis as eftir followis, to get answer, to Air, Glasgow, Stirling, Lythgow, Hadingtoun, aggreit with him thairfoir for, ... iiij lib.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF JAMES ROSS, TREASURER, 11TH NOVEMBER 1583 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1584 :—

Item, the xx of Junii, be ane precept to Henry Neisbet and his cumpany, for thryss passing to Falkland as the precept beiris, and his perticular compt thairupone, and the convention of Burrowis at Linlythgow, . iiij^{xx} xvj ℔ vj s. viij d.

Item, the fyft of Julij, gevin to ane Caburn for making ane proclamatioune throw this toun and Leyth annent the Conventioun of Burrowis, . xiij s. iiij d.

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Item, that same day [6th July 1584], gevin to James Aikman, officer, for chairging the Burrowis upone baith the sydis of the watter, for bringing the herring to Carraill and Leyth, ... v lib. vij s. viij d.

Item, to William M'Cairtnay for wrytting the letteris, . . xx s.

Item, for seilling of thame being iij peces, . . . xv s.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF JAMES ROSS, TREASURER, 11TH NOVEMBER 1584 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1585 :—

Item, the xxvj day of Julii, for the expensis of Henry Neisbet, George Heriote, William M'Cairtnay, John Guthrie, and thair company with thame, in passing to Sanctandrois to the Conventione of the Estaitt and Burrowis thair, as the compt beiris, ... iiij^{xx} xix ℔ iiij s. vij d.

The Compt. heirof hard be ye auditors and ordainit to be allowet according to ane precept 29 Aprilis 1586.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF JAMES INGLIS, TREASURER, 11TH NOVEMBER 1585 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1586 :—

Item, the xi day Maij 1586, delyverit to Hendery Charterows and Johne

Robertsone, Edwert Galbraith, and Patrik Sandelance, for thair expensis in passing to Cowper about the Convenscowun of the Borrowis upon the townis precept, xxxiij ℔ vij s. xj d.

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Item, the xiiij of Februar [1585-86], giffin to ane boy for carying the letteris to Cowper for the Conventioun of the Borrowis, ... xs.

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Item, the xxvj of Julii, giffyn for convoying of the billis to Dundie, Perth, and Aberdene, ... xxvj s. viij d.

Item, the xxix of Julii, giffyn for convoying of the billis to Kirkkaldie, Dysert, Pittenveme, Carraill, Sanctandrois, and Cowper, . . xiij s. iiij d.

Item, the second day of August, giffyn for convoying ane bill to Hadeintoun and ane uther to Lythgow, ... viij s.

Quhilk billis is about the Conventioun of the Borrowis for the schippis tane in Flusching.

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Item, giffyn to Patrik Schairp for furneising candill to the commissioneris of the Borrowis that satt in the new kirk, ... iiij s.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF JAMES ROSS, TREASURER, 11TH NOVEMBER 1586 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1587 :—

Item, the nyntene day of Julij, be ane precept to Thomas Aikinhead and Williame Hucheson, commissioners to the Conventione of Burrowis haldin at Dundy, as the precept beirs, ... liiij ℔ xiiij s. iiij d.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF EDWARD MAUCHAN, TREASURER, 11TH NOVEMBER 1587 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1588 :—

Item, the same day [28 Junij 1588], be ane precept to Henry Nesbet and George Heriott, commissioneris for the toun to the Conventioun of Burrowis at Glasqu, lxj ℔ xvj s. ij d.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF JOHN MORRISON, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1588 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1589 :—

Item, 18 Aprilis foresaid, payet to Henry Charteris for him and the rest of the touns commissioners to the Conventioun of Burrowis at St. Androis, liij ℔ xvj s. ij d.

Item, the last day of Julij 1589, payit for careing of letteris to the haill Burrowis for conwening of them in Edinbrugh the viij day of August, . xxx s.

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Item, the xxviij day of August, payit for sending of billis to the haill Burrowis for convening of thame in Streweling, ... xl s

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF JOHN M'MORRAN, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1589 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1590 :—

Item, the 24 day of Junij 1590, payit to Mr James Johnestoun and George Hereot for thair expensis, being commissionners directit to Aberdeen, according to ane precept, ... j^c ℔ ix s. vj d.

Item, the 20 day of September, I payit for missives to Perth, Dundie, and St. Androis, ... xl s.

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Item, in the month of ——, I payit to George Wyghtman for carying missiveis to the haill Burrows beyond the watter, ... iij ℔b.

Item, for carying of missiveis to uthers Borrows upon this syd of the watter quhilk requirit haist, ... xxx s.

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Item, payit for drinksilver in wrytting of missiveis to the haill Burrows of this realme, ... x s.

Item, for walx to seill thame, ... iij s. iiij d.

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Item, payit for missives written to Perth, Dundie, and Aberdeen, the xx day of September, ... xl s.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF JOHN M'MORRAN, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1580 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1591 :—

Item, payit to Johne Guthrie for the extracts of the acts of Burrows, according to ane act of Counsall xiij Januer 1590, ... xl s.

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Item, conforme to ane act of Counsall of the dait the xiiij day of Merche 1591, I payit for rasing of letteris aganis the Borrows for the sowmes awand be thame to the gud toune, and in speciall for Adame Fowlertoun, and for the wynes, the expensis following :

Item, to John Young for wrytting of the letteris . iij ℔ vj s viij d.

Item, for threscoir copyis at ij s. the pece . . . vj ℔

Item, to the chelder, of drink silver . . . . x s.

Item, payit for the signet of ilk ane of the said letteris, being four in number, at vj s. viij d. the pece . . . . . xxvj s. viij d.

Item, payit to ane officer of armes, callit Johne Symsone, for passing north over, in executioune of the saids letteris, aggreit with the baillie Mr James Johnstoun and me . . . . . xx ℔

Item, payit to John Fowler for executing of the letteris eist, wast, and south, in lyke maner aggreit be the said bailie and me . . . . ix ℔

Item, for formeing and wrytting of thir executiouns, sindrie times written over . . . . . xxvj s viij d.

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Item, payit to James Nicoll for his expensis being commissioner to Aberdeen, conforme to ane precept of the dait the 2 of July 1591, the sowme of lxj ℔ xij s.

Item, the 20 day of November 1590, for directing of letteris to the Borrows on the north syde of the watter for taking ordour anent the impost . iij℔

Item, the fourt day of December for directing of missiveis for that same caus xxx s.

Item, for drinksilver and walx to the clerks . . xiij s. iiij d.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF JOHN M'MORRAN, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1591 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1592 :—

Item, the 23 Junij. [15] 92, payit to Johne Robertsone and Edward Galbraith, commissioners at the last Conventioun held at Kirkcaldie . . xli ℔ v s.

Item, conforme to ane precept the 13 September, payit for directing of missives to Perth, Dundie, Glasgow, St. Andrews, and other Burrows the sowme of xxx s.

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Item, 28 May, I gaif to Mr Johne Scroggie for drinksilver the tyme that Mr Johne Schairp pennit certane articles in favors of the Borrows quhilk was presentit in borrows . . . . . ij ℔ xviij s.

Item, for four copyis . . . . . x s.

As for twa roisnabils that I gaif to Mr Johne Schairp, the agent of Burrows randerit me the same agane.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF RICHARD DOBY, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1592 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1593 :—

Item the 27 of Junij, payit to Johne Robertsone and Edward Galbraith, commissioners to the Borrows in Dysart, payit be precept . . xlvj ℔ xs. iiij d.

Item, gevin the 8 of Januar [1592-93], for the extracting of the Contract betwix the Borrows and his Majestie for payment of the wynis awin be the King's grace to the merchants of auld . . . . . xxvj s. viij d.

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Item, gevin to ane post, the 15 of Februar, to pas throw the haill Burrows in the cost syde, Fyff, Dundie, Brechen, Arbrothok, Munross, to send thair commissioners instructit for lifting of the hundreth men for the raid of Aberdene . xl s.

Item, for carying of bils to the Burrows in the West for the same effect vij s.

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Item, gevin, the 15 of Februar, to Johne Andro for making of ane warrand to the toune to remane at hame fra the raid of Abd [Aberdeen] . xxs.

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Item, gevin to John Andro for penning of ane gift of the escheit of six inhabitants of Edr. as byds from his majesties raids and contributs not with the toune xx s.

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Item, given to Johne Nisbit for walx to seill the commission to Dysart the 10 of Junij . . . . . vj s. viij d.

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Item, given be the bailie Johne Robertsone, he gaif to ane boy he send to Lynlythgow to tak ane ludgeing to the provest at the Convensioun the 29 of November . . . . . xvj s viij d.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF PATRICK COCHRANE, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1593 to 10TH NOVEMBER 1594 :—

Item, be ane ordinance of counsall, payit to Edward Galbraith and Henrie Charteris, as their compt producit befor the counsall for thair chardge in ryding to Sterling to the Conventioun of Burrows . . . lxij ℔ iij. s. iiij d.

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Item, be ane precept the last of July 94, payit to James Winrahame, agent for the Borrows, for his fie and the clerk of the Borrowis fie . . lvij ℔ x s.

Item, given to the childer in the Clerk's chalmer, at the baillie Niniane M^c^Moran's command, for extracting of sindrie writs agains the Conservitor, and wrytting ting of sindrie missives to the Borrows . . . vj ℔ xiij s. iiii d.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF BARTHOLOMEW SOMERVILLE, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1594 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1595 :—

Item, the 9 July, payit to Richart Dobie, commissioner, for the ryding to St. Johnestoun, the sowme of . . . . . lxxxj ℔ ij s. viij d.

. . . . . .

Item, the same day (24 July 1595), delyverit to James Barclay and Clement Cor, commissioners for the guid toune to Munross, the sowme of lxxj ℔ ij s. viij d.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF JOHN JACKSON, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1595 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1596 :—

Item, xxiij° Junij, to James Wynrahame, agent to the Burrowis, in name of the said Burrowis, as for the townis pairt off the feyis assignit be the Burrows to thir clerk, conform to your precept . . . . . lvij ℔b x s.

Item, the xxvj° Junij, to Richd. Dobie and Edward Galbraith, Commissioners to Aberdene, conforme to your precept . . . l^c lxj ℔b. xiij s. viij d.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF RICHARD DOBY, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1596 to 10th NOVEMBER 1597 :—

Item, the 20 Julij, to Henrie Nisbit, commissioner to the Conventioun of Burrowis, for his charges conforme to ane precept . . l^c xxiiij ℔ x s.

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Item, [September 1597], gevin to Hector Ra for his expensis, send be the Counsall to the Conventioun of Brunteland . . . . xv s

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF JOHN HOWIESON, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1597 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1598.

Item, the 22 of September to Alexr. Peirsoun, bailze, for the expensis maid be him and Alexr. Myller, commissionaris appointit be the Counsell to the Convention of Burrowis at Glasgow, conforme to ane precept . l^c xxv lb. xj s. iiij d.

Item, the said day, to the said Alexr. to pay for the clerk and adjent feis of the Burrowis . . . . . lvij ℔ x. s

Item, the said day, to the said Alexr. Peirsoun for the tounis pairt of the taxatioun grantit to the bigging of the Kirk of Brunteiland . . lvij ℔ x. s.

Item, the same day, to the said Alexr. Peirsoun, bailze, for expensis debursit be him in the gude tounes affairs, conform to his particular compt, in setting down the taxatioun of Haddingtoun, conform to ane precept . . . xl ℔ vij s.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF ROBERT HERRIES, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1598 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1599.

Item, the xiij day of Julij 1599, payit to Richart Doby quhilk he debursit for him selff and remanent commissionaris of this burgh at the Conventioun of Borrowis at Lynlythgow, thair hors hyre and expensis, togidder with the clerkis and agent feis, conforme to his particular compt and conforme to a precept l^c xvij ℔ xv s. iiij d.

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Item, the 12 of October 1599, payit to William Fiddes, deacon of Baxteris, quhilk he debursit for repairing ane dam at the mylnes, at the counsellis command, the sowme of sewin poundis; and to Nicolus Angloyis, Mr of the Frenche Schole, ffor wrytting the missive letter, with certane articles, to the towne of Campheir, in name of the Borrowis, fourtie shillingis; extending in ye haill, conforme to a precept ix ℔

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FROM THE ACCOUNT OF JOHN JACKSON, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1599 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1600.

Item, payit to Johne Robertsone and Wm. Penstoune, commissioneris to Perthe, for thair expensis, conforme to ane Act, 9 Apryle 1600 . lxxviij ℔ xix s.

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Item, payit to James Wynrahame, agent for the Borrowis, conforme to ane act the xj Junij 1600 . . . . . l^c xlj ℔ xv s.

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Item, payit to Roger Macnacht and Wm. Symontoune, commissioneris, for thair chairgis in ganging to the Convention of Burrows haldin at Kingorne, conforme to ane act the 27 Junij 1600 . . . . lxix ℔ ij s. ij d.

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Item, to ane boy that brocht the missives fra Kingorne, concerning the Conventioun of Burrowis to be halden thair the xiij° Junij 1600 . iij s iiij d.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF PATRICK ELEIS, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1600 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1601.

Item, the tent day of Junij 1601, payit to George Heriot, eldar, for him and his company as Comissioners to Brunteland . . . lxxxxij ℔ xvij s. viij d.

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Item, the samyn day (16th June 1601), payit for ane desgoun to the Comissioners of Burrowes, at command of Roger Maknath, baillie . vj ℔ iiij s.

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Item, the xxvj day of Junij 1601, gewin to Thomas Fischer, Comessioner to the Borrows, to pay the touns pairt of the clerk and agent feyes . lvij ℔ x s.

Item, gevin to him to pay the towns pairt of the taxatioun grantit to the burgh of Air . . . . . xxviij ℔ xv s.

Item, the nynt day of Julij 1601, payit to Archbald Prymroes, wrettar, Collector apponetet be the Duke and the Erle of Mar, for the touns pairt of the taxatioun of ane hundrethe thousand merks, conforme to thair acquettance subscryvit with thair hand . . . . . iij^m j^c lxxxxiiij ℔ ix s.

Item, the samyn day, payit to Archbald Prymroes for the touns pairt of the taxatioun of Hadingtoun according to his acquittance . ij^c xxix ℔ xij s. vj d.

Item, the tent day of Julij 1601, payit for the expenss of the Comessioneris and thair company quha past to the Conventioun at St Androis lxxxxvij ℔ xij s. iiij d.

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Item, the xvj day of September 1601, payit David Williamsoune and George Hereot thair expenses in ryding to Dumferling and Perth as commissioners lxiiij ℔

Item, the last day of September, payit to George Todrig, baillie, for his expenses

in ryding to Lynlithgow, with certane uther expenses maid upon ane Comissioune purchest be the said George . . . . xvij ℔ xiiij s. viij d.

. . . . . .

Item, the vij day of October 1601, payit to Johne Howesoun, baillie, for the expenses of himself with George Heriot, younger, and Mr Peter Hewat, minister, in ryding to Dumferling and for the said Mr Peters expenses in ryding to Beruik l ℔ vij s. viij d.

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Item, the samyn day (22d October 1601), payit to Robert Prestoun and John Carmychall for thair expenses in ryding to Brechin as Commissioners lxx ℔.

Item, the xxiiij day of October 1601, payit for the expenses of James Forman, Thomas Geddes, with thair company as Commissioners to Cupar xxvij ℔ xij s.

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Item, payit to Thomas Fendar, post, for delyvering of the generall missive of the Burrows direct fra St Androis . . . . . x s.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF PATRICK ELEIS, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1601 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1602.

Item, the samyn day (19th May 1602), gevin to Archbald Adesoun, baillie, for the expenses of him and his company quha past in commission to Perthe, conforme to ane precept of the dait foirsaid, is . . . . xliiij ℔ x s.

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Item, the xvj day of Julij 1602, payit to Nyniane Makmorane, baillie, quhilk he debursit at the Convention of Burrows haldin at Air, the soumes following, for the causes underwrettin, viz :—the soume of fifte sevin punds x s. for the touns pairt of the clerk and agent feyis, the soume of lvij ℔ x s. for the touns pairt of ij^{c} ℔ awand to James Wynram, agent, and the soume of ij^{c} v ℔ xiiij s for the expenses of the said Nyniane and hes company, is . . iij^{c} xx ℔ xiiij s.

Item, the xxv day of August 1602, gevin to Robert Robesoun, messenger, for his paines in passing to the Raid for making of arrestment of the shipes cum from Danskyne suspectit, ... vj ℔

. . . . . .

Item, the xxvij day of August 1602, payit to Alexander Persoun, baillie, for his expenses as commissioner with his company to Falkland and Perthe, according to the particular compt and precept of the dait foresaid, is lxxxxix ℔ xvj s viij d

. . . . . .

Item, payit to Nynian Makmoran, baillie, for his and George Hereots expenses passing to Dunbar derectit be the Counsale, conforme to ane precept daitit 8 September 1602, ... xviij ℔ x s viij d.

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Item, 29 September 1602, payit to Sir George Home, Thesaurer to our Soverain

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Lord, the towns pairt of viij^{c} ℔ for the Raid of Dumfreis, conforme to ane precept of the dait foirsaid, ... ij^{c} xxx ℔

. . . . . .

Item, thair is to be allowed to the comptar the toun's pairt of the Borrowis taxatioun for maiking of the claith, and expensses of the strangeris, by and attour the soumes debursit be the toun of befoir upon the said wark, j^{m} lxxxxvij ℔ viij s iiij d.

[This entry is scored, and is followed by these in different handwriting :—]

Item, payet to Robert Pursell, the money borrowit fra him at Mertymes 1601 for the wark of the clayth, ... vj^{c} lxvj ℔ xiij s iiij d.

Item, payet to Mt (Margaret) Stewart the money borrowit fra hir to the said wark, ... j^{m} iij^{c} xxxiij ℔ vj s viij d.

Item, mair to hir, the annell thairof for the Mairtymes terme j^{m} vj^{c} and ane yeiris, ... lxxx ℔

Item, payet Robert Pursell the said Mairtymes terme, . xl ℔

Item, payet to William Speir quhilk wes borrowit fra him to gif Alexr. Hunter to the begyning of the wark of the clayth, . . . viij^{c} ℔

Item, payet to Thomas Speir, that he deburset to Gabriel and his partners, claythmakers, ... j^{m} ℔

. . . . . .

Item, payit to Thomas Fender for his drink silver in delyvering the generall missiue of the Burrows derectit fra Air, ... x s

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF THOMAS INGLIS, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1602 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1603.

Item, the xj day of November 1603, payit to James Forman, James Aikenheid, and William Nickolsoun for thair expensses in ryding to Perthe, conforme to ane precept of the dait foirsaid, ... xxiij ℔

. . . . . .

Item, gewin to Thomas Fendar, post, at comand of the bailleis, for the generall missive of the Burrowis, ... xiij s iiij d.

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Item, payit for sex quartis of wyne with breid, chirreis, and uther necessaries to the Commissioneris of Burrowis, is . . . . x ℔ x d.

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Item, gewin for the Touns pairt of the clerk and agent feyis at the Conventioun at Hadingtoun, is . . . . . lvij ℔ x s.

Item, payit for the Commissioneris expenssis and thair company, is lxvij ℔ xj s iiij d.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF HECTOR RAY, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1603 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1604.

Item, the xxv day of Julij 1604, payit to Roger Maknath, Johnne Robertsoun, George Foules, Commissioneris to the Parliament and Burrowis at Perthe ij^c lxxxiij ℔ xiij s 8 d.

Item, the samyn day, payit to James Wynrahame, Agent to the Burrowis, for the Towns pairt of twa hundrethe punds for the transcriveing of the Chairter of the King David, is . . . . . lvij ℔ x s.

Item, mair to him for the toun's pairt of the clerk and agent feyis, is lvij ℔ x s.

. . . . . .

Item, the fyft day of September 1604, payit to Nyniane Makmoran and his company quha past to Perthe, conform to ane precept of the dait foirsaid, xvj ℔ x s.

Item, the secund day of October 1604, payit to David Aikenheid, baillie, for him and his companayes expenssis in passing to Perth anent the electioun of the magestrats, ... xxxiiij ℔

. . . . . .

Item, payit be the compter to James Wynrahame, collector appointit be the Burrows, the rest of the touns pairt of the taxatioun sett be the Burrows for the expenssis of the Commissioneris quha wes directit to Ingland for the estaitt of Burrows, is . . . . . j^m vij^c xxxiij ℔ vj s. 8 d.

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Item, gevin to Mr Johnne Shairpe, William Olyphant, for thair consultatioun gewin to the bailleis and counsall anent the summonds raisset be the Burrowis and be Leth, twa roisnobells . . . . . xviij ℔

Item, gevin to Mr Johne Shairpe, younger . . . . iij ℔

Item, gewin to my Lord Prowest for taking instruments of the Touns nocht compeirance . . . . . vj ℔

Item, gewin to James Prymroes, writter, for extracting the said decret . vj ℔

Item, gewin to his man in drinksiller . . . . . xx s.

Item, gewin to Mr Johne Shairpe and Mr William Olyphant, for thair consultatioun in formeing of the Touns suspensioun agains the said decreit in presence of my Lord Prowest . . . . . xviij ℔

Item, payit for drinkseller . . . . . iij ℔

Item, payit to Adame Cowper, clerk, for passing the said suspensioun, with drinksiller to his man . . . . . vj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.

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Item, payit to Thomas Fendar, post, for delyvering of the generall missive of the Burrows, is . . . . . vj s. viij d.

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FROM THE ACCOUNT OF PATRICK COCHRANE, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1604 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1605.

Item, the 9 of August 1605, payit to Johne Nisbett for the expensis of the commissioneris quha raid to Dumfreis to the Convencioun of Burrowis . j^{c} l ℔

Item, payit to him for clerk and agentis feyis . . . lvij ℔ x s.

. . . . . .

Item, payitt to Richard Doby and David Aikenheid quhilk was borrowit be Hector Ray, last Thesaurer, fra them for payment of the Touns pairt of the Commissioneris quha past to Ingland . . iij^{m} iij^{c} xxxiij ℔ vj s 8d.

. . . . . .

Item, to James Prymrois, Clerk of Counsaill, for making ane bill concerning the rastrant of the quheit . . . . . iij ℔

. . . . . .

Item, the 7 day of August 1605, for the efternonis drink to the Commissionaris of Burrowis, as the compt beris . . . . . iiij ℔ viij s.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF PATRICK COCHRANE, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1605 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1606.

Item, payit to the Commissioneris that heid to Dundie to the Conwencioun of Burrowis . . . . . ij^{c} iij^{xx} ij ℔ iij s. viij d.

Item, to the Commissioneris that heid to Brunteland to meet the Conwencioun of Burrowis thair . . . . . $iiij^{xx}$ xix ℔ ij s. viij d.

. . . . . .

Item, to the men that waittit extraordanerlie upon the bailleis the tyme of ane Conwencioun . . . . . xliij ℔ xvj s.

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Item, to Adam Couper for passing the bill of advocacioun to be tane to the Brunteland . . . . . xx s.

Item, to David Andersoun, writing (writer), for writing of the letteris of advocacioun to be tane to Brunteland . . . . xxiiij s.

Item, for ane boy to gang to Mr Jhone Laing, and signating of thame xv s.

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Item, to ane man that brocht j bill fra the Burrowis . . vj s. viij d.

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Item, to James Nisbett, bailzie, for his expensis and Andro Scottis, the 27 October 1606, in ryding to ane Conwencioun in Lythqu . xviij ℔ x s. viij d.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF ALEXANDER MAKMATH, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1606 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1607.

Item, the xxviij of Januar, payit to Johne Johnestoun, Roger McNacht and George Heriott, for thair expensis for the aggreing the nichtbors of Dundie j^c xij ℔ xvij s. viiij d.

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Item, the same day (7th August 1607), to Alexr. Persoun and George Foullis, Commissioneris of Dumbartane for thair expensis, conforme to ane precept j^c lxxxvj ℔ xv s. vj d.

Item, payit for the touns pairt of the clerkis agent fie . lvij ℔ x s.

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Item, payit to James Arnot, baillie, conforme to his compt, quhilk he debursit in companie with Alexr. Persoun, Williame Symontoun and Andro Kneiland for the taxatioun of Hadingtoun . . . . xix ℔ vij s. viij d.

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Item, debursit to Ard. Prymrois for ane suspencioun of the toun's pairt of the taxatioun of Hadingtoun . . . . . vj ℔

Item, to his men in drinksilver . . . . . xxx s.

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Item, for directing of missives amangis the Burrowis to convene at the Parliament, at command of the bailleis . . . . . viij ℔

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF THOMAS SPEIR, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1607 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1608.

Item, be precept 22d July 1608, to Alexr. Peirsoun and George Fowlis, Commissioners to the Conventioun of Burrowes at Selkirk . j^c xxxvj ℔ ij s. iiij d.

Item, siclyke, for the clerk and agent feyis and the taxatioun of Burrowis to Irwyne . . . . . j^c lxxxiiij ℔ xv s.

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Item, be precept . . . . payit 20 Aug. 1608, to Archibald Prymrois for the Abbacy of Haddingtons pairt of the taxatioun of Dunbartane, as his discharge beyris . . . . . ij^c iij ℔ xvij s. vij d.

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Item, gevin for ane letter brocht fra Selkirk . . . . vj s.

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Item, to Jhoun Lermounth for taking letters to charge the baillies and toun of Cowper before the Secreitt Counsall . . . . . ix ℔

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF THOMAS SPEIR, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1608 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1609.

Item, for clark and agent feeis, ... lvij ℔ x s.
Item, to the four Commissioners at the Conventioun of Borrowis at Cowper, lxxxxij ℔ xj s iiij d.

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Item, to the Commissioners of Borrowis the tym of the parliament, for wyn and breid to tham, and thair disjunis, ... xiij ℔

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF THOMAS SPEIR, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1609 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1610.

Item, the 25° Julij, to the Commissioners of Borrowis, and clark and agentt feeis, haldin at Craill, ... ij^c vij ℔ xj s.

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Item, for bringing ane letter from Craill to the Counsell, . vj s viij d.

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Item, for writing ane letter in French send to the Campheir, . xij s.

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Item, for sending letters to the Borrowis tueiching the fisching, liiij s

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Item, for careing of ane letter to Caraill the tyme of the Convention, xlvj s.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF THOMAS SPEIR, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1610 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1611.

Item, to Alexr. Peirson and George Foulls, Commissioners for the Town at the Convention haldin at Stirling in the moneth of Julij 1611, j^c xv ℔ xvj s viij d.
Item, for Clerk and Agent feeis at that tyme, . . . lvij ℔ x s.
Item, for bringin a bill from Stirlin, ... vj s.

. . . . . .

Item, for writtin a French bill to Campheir, ... xij s.
Item, ane quair paper to vrit to the Burrowis, . . . iiij s.
Item, for valx, ... iiij s vj d.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF THOMAS SPEIR, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1611 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1612.

Item, the Commissioners expenssis in the Convention haldin in Arbroth in Julij 1612, ... j^c lxiiij ℔ viij s.
Item, for clerk and agent fie, ... lvij ℔ x s.

Item, Edinburghis pairt of the thre thousand pund vas gevin to the Commissioneris that raid to London about the matter of my Lord Burly—xxviij ℔ xv s. on ilk hunder, ... viij^{c} lxij ℔ x s.

Item, Edinburghis pairt of xij^{c} that thir foirsaid Commissioners was fond super expendit at the makin of thair comptis, . . . iij^{c} xlv ℔.

Item, payit to James Vynrom, Edinburghis pairt of vj^{c} xxviij ℔ x s. and that conforme to taxt set doun in Arbroth in Julij 1612, . . j^{c} lxxx ℔ xij s.

[With reference to the Commissioners to London, and "my Lord Burly," it may be noted that Edinburgh sent a deputation to London about the same time, at a cost of about £4000 Scots; that £2000 was paid "at commande of the bailliyes for the touns particular effeirs;" that between August and October 1612, "Mr Johne Hay quhen he raid to London befor the parliament," got £600 Scots; and that on 31st October 1612, there is "gevin to my Lord of Burly, according to an act of Counsell, ij^{m} vj^{c} lxvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d."]

Item, to James Broun for breid and drink to the Commissioners of Burrowis, iiij ℔ iiij s. iiij d.

Item, to him, another tyme, for breid and drink to the Commissioners of Burrowis, ... xv ℔ vij s. iiij d.

Item, to Fender for waiting on thame, . . . xx s.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF PATRICK ELEIS, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1612 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1613.

Item, payit to the Collector of the wark of Stanehyve, conforme to ane Act of Counsell of the same dait (19th Feb. 1613) . . ij^{c} lxvj ℔ xiij s iiij d.

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Item, payit to the Collector of the moneyis grantit for reparatioune of the harbore of Aberbrothok, conforme to ane Act of Counsell of the dait the 7 day of Apryle 1613 . . . . . j^{c} lxvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.

. . . . . .

Item, payit be me to the Collector of the moneyis grantit to the bigging of ane new bibliothicque in Sanct Androis, conforme to ane Act of Counsell of the same dait (21 May 1613) . . . . . j^{c} xxxiij ℔ vj s. viij d.

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Item, payit be me to His Ma. Ther. (Majesty's Treasurer), quhilk wes ordainet to be borrowit upone profite for payment of our pairt, of the secund yeris extent, conforme to ane Act of Counsell of the dait the 9 Junij 1613 ij^{m} viij^{c} lxxv lib.

Item, thair aucht to be allowit to me for the annuell thairof, fra Whitsounday 1613 to Martymes 1613, conforme to the said act . . . j^{c} l lib.

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Item, payit be me to David Akinheid and George Foullis, Commissioners to the

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Conventioune of the Burrowis at Dunbar, for thair expenssis. togidder with the clerk and agent fees, conforme to ane act of counsell of the dait the 16 of Julij 1613 . . . . . ij^{c} xxxix ℔ xviij s.

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Item, payit to David Akinheid and William Welands, Commissioners to Dumbar at the herring drave, conforme to ane act of counsell of the said dait (18 August 1613) . . . . . xxxvj ℔ viij s viij d.

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Item, for wax anent the missives for Stercovious and Staynehyve, and for sealing my Lord Hamiltounes precept . . . . . xx s.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF JOHNE BYIRIS, TREASURER, 10TH NOVEMBER 1613 TO 10TH NOVEMBER 1614.

[Hitherto the extracts have been of items of expenditure from the Discharge, but in the Charge of this year's account there is this heading:—"The Compter chairges him with the money ressauit at the Counsells command," the entries in which chiefly relate to Convention matters. The entries which appear to relate to Convention affairs are here given.]

Item, ressavit fra David Akinheid, deyne of gild, efter his returne fra the Conventioune of Burrowis fra Kirkcaldie, as the particularis nottit in the Counsell buik the xxij of Julij extending to . . . . . ij^{m} iiij^{c} lx lib.

Item, ressavit fra Alexander Hunter of his collectioune of the outward impost laitlie raisit . . . . . lxxiiij lib. xix s.

Item, ressavit fra George Foullis, as my nottis gevin to him of my ressait beiris, of his collectioune of the outward dewtie of the impost extending in all, ressauit this yeir, ... v^{c} lxx lib. xvj s.

Item, ressavit fra Samuell Moresone of his collectioun of the inward impost, as my tickettis gevin to him will testifie, in all, . . . iiij^{c} lxx lib.

Item, ressavit fra Jhone Sherar in name and behalf of the toune of Striveling ix lib.

Item, ressavit fra Thomas Lambe in name of the toune of Kirkcaldie viij lib.

Item, ressavit fra George Nicolsone in name of the toune of Abirdeine the sowme of lxxiiij lib. xvij s. viij d., quhairof I gave out for raiseing of ane pair of letters to chairge the nytbors of Aberdeyne for the inward dewtie, iij lib. x s.; restis ressavit lxx lib. vij s. vj d.

Item, ressavit fra David Sympsoune in name of the toun of Dysert v lib.

Item, that David Aikinheid, deyne of gild, payit, quhilk he causit collect at the Conventioun of Borrowis:—

First for Dumbar . . . . xxxviij lib. ix s. vj d.

Item, fra Kirkcuthbryt . . . . . xij lib.

Item, fra Dysert . . . . . v lib. ix s. ij d.
Item, fra Montross . . . . . vj lib. ij s. vj d.
Item, fra Kirkcaldye . . . . viij lib. vij s. vj d.
Item, fra Carraill . . . . . x lib. xvij s. vj d.
Item, fra Anstruther Eister . . . ix lib. v s.
Item, fra Anstruther Wester . . . vj lib. x s.
Item, fra Sanctandrois . . . . xxxvj lib.
Item, fra Air . . . . . xlij lib.
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(*From the Discharge:—*)

Item, payit to David Akinheid, Deyne of Guild, for his chairges and the rest of the Commissioneris to Kirkcaldie to the Conventioune of Borrowis, according ane Act of Counsell of the dait the xxij day of Julij 1614 j^{c} xliij lib. j s. iiij d.

Item, payit according to ane Act of Counsell, of the dait foirsaid, to the said David Akinheid, the guid toun's pairt of the sowme of xviij^{c} lib., quhilk wes payit to Mr Patrick Hamiltoune for thrie termes of his fie, conforme to the Stent Roll of Borrowis, quhairof the guid tounis pairt extendis to . . v^{c} xvij lib. x s.

Item, payit to the said David Akinheid, Deyne of Gild, according to ane Act of Counsell of the dait foirsaid, the guid tounis pairt of ane thowsand and fyftie punds that wes awand to James Wynrahme be the Borrowis, quhairof the guid tounis pairt is . . . . . iij^{c} j lib. xvij s. vj d.

Item, the guid tounis pairt of the Clark and Agentis fies . lvij lib. x s.
. . . . . .

Item, payit to David Akinheid, Deyne of Gild, and Alexr. Peirsoune, baillie, for thair chairgis rydeing to Dumfermelyne, twitcheing the Spannis schip cum in at Brunteland, according to ane Act of Counsell of the dait the —— day of September 1614 . . . . . xviij lib. iiij s.
. . . . . .

Item, the xij of December, gewin to Alexr. Peirsoune, baillie, to pay for Stercovious advysing . . . . . xiij lib. vj s. viij d.

Item, deliverit to Robert Dowgall, baillie, to pay for the decreit obteynit before the Secreit Counsell be the Borrowis, quhairby the Lords remitted the actioune of Stercovious to the Judge Ordinar, ane rose noble and ane peice of siluer woorthe xl s., extending in all to . . . . xij lib. xiij s. iiij d.
. . . . . .

Item, the xxiiij day of Maij, gewin at directione of Alexr. Peirsoune, baillie, to James Prymrois' serwand, for drinksilver of the letters that wer proclamit that na schippis suld saill before the Kingis schippis . . . xxx s.
. . . . . .

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Item, the xxiiij day of Julij, gewin to the four Assessouris, for advysing the matter about the generall aith concerning Burly, four roisnobles xlij lib. xiij s. iiij d.

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Item, the xxv of October, to James Prymrois, for the extract of ane Act of Secreit Counsell, quhairby the lynning yairne wes licentiat to be transportit vj lib. xiij s. iiij d.

Item, to his seruand of drinksilver . . . . . xxx s.

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Item, the tent of Januar, for missive letters sent to Dundy, Perthe, Striveling and Glasgow anent the minister of Campheire . . . iiij lib. viij s.

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Item, to Thomas Fendar, post, for careing of missives to the Burrowis anent Stercovious . . . . . viij lib.

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Item, for sending of missives to the costsyde, with the post, anent the exsyis fische . . . . . iij lib.

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Item, gevin to Mr George Toddis man, to seik out ane decreit betwixe the Borrowis and customeris . . . . . xxiiij s.

3.—FROM EXTENT ROLLS.

Extent Rolls, 1601.

The Extent Roll of the haill Burrowis of this realme, of the sowme of allevin thowsand ane hunder allevin pundis ij s. iij d., *as for thair pairt of the Extent of ane hunder thowsand merks grantet to our Souerane Lord be the Estaits in ane conventioun haldin at Edinburgh in Februar* j^{m} vj^{c} *and ane yeiris, sett and gevin furth be the provest, and baillies of Edinburgh, in name of the said frie Burrowes,* xxiij *Februarij* j^{m} vj^{c} *and ane zeirs.*

Edinburgh .	iij^{m} j^{c} lxxxxiiij ℔ ix s.	Air . . .	ij^{c} xl ℔ xiiij s. ix d.
Perth . .	vj^{c} lxxxv ℔ iij s. iiij d.	Haddingtoun .	ij^{c} xj ℔ ij s. ij d.
Dundie .	j^{m} j^{c} lxxxxiiij ℔ ix s.	Kirkcaldy .	j^{c} lxvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.
Abirdene	viij^{c} lxxxviij ℔ xvij s. viij d.	Montrose . .	j^{c} lxxvij ℔ xv s. vj d.
Glasqw	v^{c} ℔	Cowper .	j^{c} lxvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.
Sanctandrois	iij^{c} xiiij ℔ xvj s. ij d.	Anstruther Eister	j^{c} lxxxv ℔ iij s. ix d.
Dysart . .	ij^{c} xxij ℔ iiij s. iiij d.	Dunfreis . .	ij^{c} iij ℔ xiiij s.
Stirling . .	ij^{c} lix ℔ v s. j d.	Innernes .	j^{c} lxxxv ℔ iij s. viij d.
Lynlythqw	j^{c} ℔	Brechein .	j^{c} xxvij ℔ xv s. vj d.

Irewyne	j^c xxxiij ℔ vj s. vj d.	Culros	li ℔ xvij s.
Elgyne	j^c xj ℔ ij s. iiij d.	Dunbar	lv ℔ xj s. ij d.
Jedburgh	j^c xxij ℔ iiij s. vj d.	Bruntiland	lxxxxij ℔ xj s. x d.
Kirkcudbricht	j^c ℔	Peblis	lxxiiij ℔ j s. vj d.
Wigtoun	lxxxiij ℔ vj s. ix d.	Bamff	xliiij ℔ viij s. x d.
Pittinweme	j^c ℔	Quhithorne	xxvij ℔ xv s. viij d.
Dunfermling	j^c ℔	Forfare	xxxvij ℔ ix d.
Dunbartane	j^c xxij ℔ iiij s. vj d.	Rosay	xxij ℔ iiij s. vj d.
Renfrow	lxvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.	Forres	xxxiij ℔ vj s. viij d.
Lanerk	lxxxviij ℔ xvij s. x d.	Ruglein	xxij ℔ iiij s. vj d.
Arbroth	lxxiiij ℔ j s. vj d.	Northberuik	xxij ℔ iiij s. vj d.
Carraill	lxxxviij ℔ xvij s. x d.	Culane	xxij ℔ iiij s. vj d.
Kingorne	j^c ℔	Narne	xxij ℔ iiij s. vj d.
Thayne	v ℔ xj s. ij d.	Lawder	xxvj ℔ xv s. viiij d.
Selkirk	lv ℔ xj s. ij d.	Innerkething	lv ℔ xj s. ij d.
Anstruther Wester	lv ℔ xj s. vj d.	Kilrany	xviij ℔ x s. iiij d.

Summa, xj^m j^c xj ℔ ij s. iij d.

This Extent sett be the persouns following deputt thairto be the counsall of Edinburgh, 23 Februarij 1601. *Sic subscribitur*

ROGER MAKNACHT.
THOMAS SPIER, baillie.
RICHERT DOBY.

The Extent Roll of the Burrowis of this realme, for the soum of fourty foure thowsand foure hunder fourty foure punds aucht schillings ten penneis twa pairt penny, as for thair pairt of the sowme of foure hunder thowsand merks grantet to the King's Maiestie be the Estaitt convenit in the Parliament haldin at Perth in Julij j^m vj^c *and sex yeiris, to be payit at foure termes conform to the act of parliament maid thairanent, sett furth be the baillies and counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh in name of the said Burrowes, to be delyuerit to the generall collectour of the said haill extent or his deputts.*

Edinburgh	xij^m vij^c lxxvij ℔ xv s. vj d.	Dysert	viij^c lxxxviij ℔ xviij s. x d.
Dundie	iiij^m vij^c lxxvij ℔ xv s. v d.	Stirling	j^m xxxvij ℔ ix d.
Perth	ij^m vij^c lx ℔ xiiij s. ix d.	Lithgow	iiij^c ℔
Abirdene	iij^m v^c lv ℔ xj s. j d.	Air,	ix^c lxij ℔ xix s. iij d.
Glasqw	ij^m ℔	Hadingtoun,	viij^c xliiij ℔ viij s. x d.
Sanctandrois	j^m j^c lxxxv ℔ iij s. viij d.	Kirkcalde,	vj^c lxvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.

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EXTENT ROLLS, 1606-1607.

Mwnros, . . vij^{c} xj ℔ ij s. ij d.
Couper, . . vj^{c} lxvi ℔ xiij s. iiij d.
Anstruther Eister, vij^{c} xl ℔ xiiij s. x d.
Dumfreis, . . viij^{c} xiiij ℔ xvj s.
Innernes, . vij^{c} xl ℔ xiiij s. x d.
Brechein, . . v^{c} xj ℔ ij s. ij d.
Irewin, . v^{c} xxxiij ℔ vj s. viij d.
Elgyne, . iiij^{c} xliiij ℔ viij s. x d.
Jedburgh, iiij^{c} four scor viij ℔ xvij s. x d.
Kirkcubricht, . . . iiij^{c} ℔
Wigtoun, . iij^{c} xxxiij ℔ vj s. viij d.
Pittinweyme, ... iiij^{c} ℔
Dumfermling, . . . iiij^{c} ℔
Dumbartane, . iiij^{c} xiiij ℔ xvj s. iiij d.
Renfrow, . ij^{c} lxvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.
Lanerik, . . iiij^{c} lv ℔ xj s. iij d.
Arbroth, . ij^{c} lxxxxvj ℔ v s. xj d.
Brunteilland, . . iij^{c} lxx ℔ vij s. x d.
Peiblis, . ij^{c} lxxxxvj ℔ v s. xj d.
Carraill, . . iij^{c} lv ℔ xj s. j d.
Kinghorne, . iij^{c} xxv ℔ xviij s. vj d.
Thane, . ij^{c} xxij ℔ iiij s. v d.
Selkirk, . ij^{c} xxij ℔ iiij s. v d.
Anstruther Wester, ij^{c} xxij ℔ iiij s. v d.
Culros, . ij^{c} vij ℔ viij s. ij d.
Dumbar, . ij^{c} xxij ℔ iiij s. v d.
Banff, . j^{c} lxxvij ℔ xv s. vij d.
Quhithorne, . . j^{c} xj ℔ ij s. iij d.
Forfar, . . j^{c} xlviij ℔ iij s.
Rossay, . lxxxviij ℔ xvij s. x d.
Forres, . j^{c} xxxiij ℔ vj s. viij d.
Ruglein, . lxxxviij ℔ xvij s. x d.
North Bervik, lxxxviij ℔ xvij s. x d.
Culane, . lxxxviij ℔ xvij s. x d.
Nayrne, . lxxxviij ℔ xvij s. x d.
Lawder, . . j^{c} xj ℔ ij s. iij d.
Innerkething, ij^{c} xxij ℔ iiij s. v d.
Kilranny, . . lxxiiij ℔ j s. vj d.
Sanquhar, . . lxxiiij ℔ j s. vj d.
Annand, . . lxxiiij ℔ j s. vj d.
Lochmaben, . . lxxiiij ℔ j s. vj d.

Summa totalis, xliiij^{m} iiij^{c} xliiij ℔ viij s. x d. tua pairt penny.

Extent of the haill frie Borrowis of this realme, for the sowme of twa thowsand sevin hunder thriescor sevintein pundis fyftein schillings sex penneis, as for thair pairt of the sowme of twentie fyve thowsand merkis, grantit be his Maiestie and Estaittis convenit in the Parliament haldin at Edinburgh in the moneth of August j^{m} vj^{c} *and sevin yeiris, for the preservatioun of the burgh of Dumbartane fra the invndatioun of the Watter of Levin, to be payit conforme to the act of Parliament maid thairanent, sett forth be the baillies and counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh in name of the saidis Borrowis, to be delyuert to the generall collectouris of the said Extent or their deputtis.*

Edinburgh, sevin hundreth four scor auchtein pundis x s. ix d.
Dundie, twa hundreth four scor auchtein pundis xij s. iij d.
Perth, ane hundreth thrie scor alevin ℔ vj s. viij d.
Abirdein, twa hundreth twentie twa pundis v s.
Glasgow, ane hundreth twentie fyve pundis vj d.
Sanctandrois, thrie scor fourtein pundis j s. vj d.

Dysert, fyftie fyve pundis xj s. vj d.
Stirling, thrie scor four pundis xvj s. vj d.
Lithgow, tuentie fyve pundis ij d.
Air, thriescor pundis four schillings.
Hadingtoun, fyftie twa pundis xv s. ix d.
Kirkcaldie, fourtie ane pundis xiij s. vj d.
Monros, fourtie four pundis nyn s. j d.
Couper, fourte ane pundis xiij s. vj d.
Anstruther Eister, fourtie sex pundis vj s. ij d.
Dumfreis, fyftie pundis xviij s. ix d.
Innernes, fourtie sex pundis vj s. ij d.
Brechein, threttie ane pundis xix s.
Irwin, threttie thrie pundis vij s.
Pittinweyme, tuentie fyve pund ij d.
Elgin, tuentie sevin pundis xv s. viij d.
Jedburgh, threttie pund xj s. ij d.
Kirkcubright, tuentie fyve pundis ij d.
Wigtoun, tuentie pundis xvj s. ix d.
Dumfermling, tuentie fyve pundis ij d.
Dumbartane, tuentie fyve pundis xviiij s. ix d.
Renfrow, sextein pundis xiij s. vj d.
Lanrik, tuentie twa pundis iiij s. vj d.
Arbroth, auchtein pundis x s. vj d.
Brunteiland, tuentie thrie pundis iij s.
Peblis, auchtein pundis x s. vj d.
Carraill, tuentie twa pundis iiij s. vj d.
Kinghorne, tuentie pundis vij s. vj d.
Thaine, threttein pundis xviij s.
Selkirk, threttein pundis xviij s.
Anstruther Wester, threttein pundis xviij s.
Culros, threttein pundis xviij s. ix d.
Dumbar, threttein pundis xviij s.
Banf, alevin pundis ij s. thrie pennies.
Quhithorne, sex pundis xix s.
Forfare, nyn pundis fyve schillings iij d.
Rothesay, fyve pundis alevin s. ij d.
Forres, aucht pund vj s. ix d.
Ruglain, fyve pundis xj s. ij d.
Northbervick, fyve pundis xj s. ij d.
Culane, fyve pundis xj s. ij d.
Nairne, fyve pundis xj s. ij d.
Lawder, sex pundis xix s.
Innerketheing, threttein pundis xviij s.
Kilrany, four pundis xij s. viij d.
Sanquhar, four pundis xij s. viij d.
Annand, four pundis xij s. viij d.
Lochmabein, four pundis xij s. viij d.

Summa totalis, twa thowsand sevin hundreth thriescor sevintein pundis fyftein schillings sex pennies.

This Extent Roll sett be William Speir baillie and Mungo M'Call at command of the baillies and counsall.

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EXTENT ROLLS, 1607.

The Extent Roll of the haill Burrowes of this realme for the sowme of twa thowsand twa hunder twenty-twa punds foure schillings thre penneis, as for thair pairt of the sowm of twenty thowsand marks granted be the Estaitts to Sir Jhonn Skeyne of Curriehill, knicht, Clerk of Register, for imprenting of the Lawes of the Maiestie, conform to ane act of parliament maid at [Edinburgh] the [11th] day of [August] j^m vj^c and [1607] yeires; Sett furth be the baillies and counsall of Edinburgh, in name of the said Burrowes.

Edinburgh	vj^c xxxviij ℔ xvj s. viij d.	Lanerik	xvij ℔ xv s. viij d.
Perth	j^c xxxvij ℔ j s. iiij d.	Abirbrothok	xiiij ℔ xvj s. vj d.
Dundie	ij^c xxxviij ℔ xvij s. x d.	Brunt Island	xviij ℔ x s. vj d.
Abirdeyne	j^c lxxvij ℔ xvj s.	Peblis	xiiij ℔ xvj s. vj d.
Glasqw	j^c ℔ v d.	Carraill	xvij ℔ xv s. viij d.
Sanctandrois	lix ℔ v s. iiij d.	Kingorne	xvj ℔ vj s.
Dysart	xliiij ℔ ix s. iij d.	Thayne	xj ℔ ij s. vj d.
Stirling	li ℔ ix s. iij d.	Selkirk	xj ℔ ij s. vj d.
Lynlythqw	xx ℔ ij d.	Anstruther Wester	xj ℔ ij s. vj d.
Air	xlviij ℔ iij s. iij d.	Culros	xj ℔ ij s. vj d.
Haddingtoun	xlij ℔ iiij s. viij d.	Dunbar	xj ℔ ij s. vj d.
Kirkcaldie	xxiij ℔ vj s. x d.	Bamff	viij ℔ xvij s. x d.
Montrose	xxxv ℔ xj s. iiij d.	Quhithorne	v ℔ xj s.
Cowper	xxxiij ℔ vj s. x d.	Forfar	vij ℔ viij s. iij d.
Anstruther Eister	xxxvij ℔ j s.	Rothesay	iiij ℔ ix s.
Dunfreis	xl ℔ xv s.	Forrest	vj ℔ xiij s. v d.
Innerness	xxxvij ℔ j s.	Northbervik	iiij ℔ ix s.
Brechein	xxv ℔ xj s. iij d.	Rugleyne	iiij ℔ ix s.
Irewyne	xxvj ℔ xiij s. viij d.	Culane	iiij ℔ ix s.
Pettinveyme	xx ℔ ij d.	Nairne	iiij ℔ ix s.
Elgein	xxij ℔ iiij s. vj d.	Lawder	v ℔ xj s.
Jedburgh	xxiiij ℔ ix s.	Innerkething	xj ℔ ij s. vj d.
Kirkcudbricht	xx ℔ ij d.	Kilraynie	iij ℔ xiiij s. ij d.
Wigtoun	xvj ℔ xiij s. vj d.	Sanquher	iij ℔ xiiij s. ij d..
Dunfermling	xx ℔ ij d.	Annand	iij ℔ xiiij s. ij d.
Dunbartane	xx ℔ xv s.	Lochmaben	iij ℔ xiiij s. ij d.
Renfrow	xiij ℔ vj s. x d.		
Summa,			ij^m ij^c xxij ℔ iiij s. v d.

This Extent Roll wes sett be Richert Doby, baillie, and Rogert M'Nacht, deyne of gild of Edinburgh, at command of the baillies and counsell thairof, and subscryvet be thame.

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EXTENT ROLLS, 1612.

The Extent Rolls of the haill frie Burrowes of this realme for the sowme of ten thousand punds, as for thair pairt of the sowme of thriescor thousand pund, quhilk is the first termes payment of the Kings Maiestie his greatt Extent of tua hundreth fourtie thousand punds, grantit to the Kings Maiestie be the Estaits convenit in the parliament haldin at Edinburgh in October the yeir of God ane thousand sex hundreth and tuelfe zeiris, conforme to ane act of the said parliament maid thairanent; set furth be the bailleis and counsall of the said burgh of Edinburgh in name of the saids Burrowes, to be delyverit to the generall collector of the said haill Extent or his deputes.

Edinburgh,	ij^{m} viij^{c} lxxv ℔	Lanrik,	lxxx ℔
Perth,	vj^{c} xvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.	Aberbrothok,	lxvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.
Dundie,	j^{m} lxxv ℔	Bruntiland,	lxxxiij ℔ vj s. viij d.
Abirdein,	viij^{c} ℔	Peblis,	lxvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.
Glasgow,	iiij^{c} ℔	Craill,	lxxx ℔
Sanctandrois,	ij^{c} lxvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.	Kinghorne,	lxxiij ℔ vj s. viij d.
Dysart,	ij^{c} ℔	Thayne,	l ℔
Striviling,	ij^{c} xxxiij ℔ vj s. viij d.	Selkirk,	l ℔
Linlithgoe,	lxxxx ℔	Anstruther Wester,	l ℔
Air,	ij^{c} xvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.	Culrose,	xlvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.
Hadingtoun,	j^{c} lxxxx ℔	Dumbar,	lj ℔
Kirkcaldie,	j^{c} ℔	Bamff,	xl ℔
Montrose,	j^{c} lx ℔	Whittorne,	xxv ℔
Cowpar,	j^{c} l ℔	Forfair,	xxxiij ℔ vj s. viij d.
Anstruther Eister,	j^{c} lxvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.	Rothesay,	xx ℔
Dumfreis,	j^{c} lxxxiij ℔ vj s. viij d.	Forres,	xxx ℔
Inernes,	j^{c} lxvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.	Ruglen,	xx ℔
Brechane,	j^{c} xv ℔	Northberwick,	xx ℔
Irrwing,	j^{c} xx ℔	Culane,	xx ℔
Elgyne,	j^{c} ℔	Nairne,	xx ℔
Jedburgh,	j^{c} x ℔	Lawder,	xxv ℔
Kirkcudbright,	lxxxx ℔	Inerkithing,	l ℔
Wigtoun,	lxxv ℔	Kilrainye,	xvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.
Pitinweeme,	lxxxx ℔	Lochmaven,	xvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.
Dumfermling,	lxxxx ℔	Annan,	xvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.
Dumbartane,	lxxxxiij ℔ vj s. viij d.	Sanchar,	xvj ℔ xiij s. iiij d.
Ramfrow.	lx ℔		

Summa, ten thousand punds.

This Extent Roll was sett be James Nisbett, ane of the bailleis of the burgh of Edinburgh, at command of the bailleis and counsall thairof, and subscryvit be him.

4.—MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS.

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(1.) *Treaty of Peace between the Emperor Charles the Fifth and Mary Queen of Scots. Described in the Inventory of the Charters of the City of Edinburgh* [Vol. I., fol. 410] *as follows :*

Extract under the Lord Register's hand of a Treaty of Peace and Alliance and Realifications thereof, entered into by Charles the Fifth, Emperor of Germany, King of Spain and of both the Sicilies, Archduke of Austria, Duke of Burgundy, and then follows a long train of all his other titles, and the most Serene Lady Mary Queen of Scots.

This extract is introduced with an acknowledgment by the said Emperor Charles for him and his heirs and successors *ad perpetuam rei memoriam*, and made it known to all men : That on the 15th December 1550 at (*blank*) in Hainault, a perpetual treaty of peace was made up betwixt the said Emperor, Commissaries, and Procurators, and the Embassador of the said Mary Queen of Scots, with consent of her Tutor and Governor of the Kingdom of Scotland, and the Lords of her Great Council (Parliament) specially deputed for that purpose. And among the rest, it was agreed, That the said treaty should be ratified and confirmed by oath, by the said Emperor and Queen of Scots, and her Tutor and Governor and Lords of her Great Council, with the nobility and states of the said Kingdom, as well in their own name as their heirs and successors, Kings and Queens of Scotland, and their subjects : And the documents of the said ratification and confirmation to be expede under proper seals the first of May 1551, in the town of Antwerp, by the commissioners to be deputed by both parties for that purpose.

Then follows the Articles of the peace, concluded upon by two persons therein named commissioners for the Emperor, and Thomas Erskine, Esquire, counsellor and commissioner from the Queen of Scotland, with consent and authority of James Duke of Castleherault, Earl of Arran, Lord Hamilton, the Queen's Tutor and Governor, and of the Lords of the Great Council of the Kingdom of Scotland: Bearing, that sometime before there had been heavy discords and war betwixt the said Emperor his kingdoms and lands on the one part, and betwixt the said Queen of Scotland her Tutor and nobility and subjects on the other part, and that the subjects of both parties had suffered great damages thereby. At length for to make an agreement and to restore peace and the publick tranquillity, by the intercession of the most Christian King of France, having power from the Queen of Scotland for that purpose, and the said commissioners having deliberate treaty thereanent, and having read over the old treaties subsisting betwixt both parties, their nobility and subjects ; and specially that betwixt the deceast Philip Duke of Burgundy, &c., in the year 1448, in the town of Brussels, and renewed by the said Queen's father : They, the said commissioners, for renewing and enlarging the

foresaid treaties, in name of the said Princess agreed and consented to the following articles :—

Imprimis, That all enmity, discord, hostility, and war, which formerly subsisted betwixt the said two parties, their kingdoms, and subjects, should be forgiven and abolished, and all bygone pretences of whatever injuries to be buried in perpetual oblivion, so that nothing should hurt or stop the sincerity of the present treaty of peace, through occasion of the violation of any former treaties, neither should they, their heirs, or successors, make war by themselves or others upon each other, their subjects, kingdoms, or lands, or upon those who were then under their protection, and not only abstain from all sort of hostility, but also should oblige their subjects to abstain from all kinds of violence, recalling whatever commissions or letters patents, as well reprisals as others, on account of carrying on the war and harming one another's subjects, whether inhabitants or strangers had been formerly given and granted, declaring the same to be void and null, and altogether taken away; so that if any afterwards should, under any pretext, attempt to harm either parties subjects, they should be taken for enemies, robbers, and pirates by either party, and treated and punished as such, and besides the criminal punishment to be inflicted on them, they should be compelled first of all to make good the damage done. And there should be, moreover, sincere neighbourhood and firm peace by land and sea, and fresh waters, betwixt the said Emperor and Queen, and their heirs and successors, and their heirs and kingdoms, governors, subjects, and goods to be inviolably observed, and for ever to endure in all times coming, so that the subjects of the said kingdoms, and lands *hinc inde*, should safely, freely, and sincerely go unto, enter, navigate, and stay as long as they pleased to the said kingdoms, lordships, and lands, cities, towns, shores, harbours, and bays whatever, without any safe conduct, or general or special licence, and there may buy and sell merchandize, provisions, and victuals, and others convenient and necessary for them, without any contradiction, and might freely and securely go, return, and depart from the said kingdoms, dominions, lands, towns, etc., as often as they pleased, to their own country, or other foreign parts, with their ships and vessels, and their merchandize, goods, and effects ; and that they might freely exercise their business, without any hindrance, they paying the duties and customs according to the laws of the land, so that neither their persons, ships, goods, or merchandize should be upon any colour or pretext whatever detained, arrested, or damaged by the princes of either kingdoms, their magistrates, lieutenants, or subjects.

Item, for the greater confirmation of the old friendship, and following of the footsteps of their predecessors, the said Emperor and Queen of Scots (as is more fully set forth in the treaty betwixt James, King of Scots, and Philip, Duke of Burgundy), did mutually embrace one another, with sincere love and benevolence, and should procure one another's profit, advantage, and honour, and should endeavour to their utmost to stop and hinder each other's loss, damage, and hurt. And if, when war should happen to be made by the enemies and adversaries of the one

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part, who, notwithstanding, are not so strictly tied by treaty, or the strict bond of blood or affinity to the other party, and that party on whom war is made should require help and assistance from the other party against his enemies, in that case the party required shall be holden effectually to give help and assistance to the party requiring, both of men and arms, as of victuals, ships, warlike arms, and other things belonging to war in great plenty, and utmost diligence, as the case required and that they were able to send.

Item, whenever either party should make war, and afterwards for the good and advantage of their country and subjects, were willing to make peace or truce with their adversaries, they might do the same without any stop as to them should seem fitting, so that the other party be comprehended among their friends and confederates, according to the old league betwixt the said James, King of Scots, and Philip, Duke of Burgundy.

Item, If any damage or hurt should be done by the tributaries, vassals, and subjects of the one party to the countries, kingdoms, vassals, tributaries, or subjects of the other, in their persons, or goods, on land or on sea, in that case, that party from whom the damage proceeds, shall be bound to compel the guilty to reparation and restitution, with effect to the party lesed; and that conform to a certain contract and agreement betwixt Mary, Queen of Hungary and Bohemia, and Governess of the Low Countries for his Imperial Majesty, and John Campbell, ambassador of King James, lately deceased, anno 1541, and afterwards confirmed by the said King. And both parties should be at pains that the pirates of whatever nation or kind, should be wholly extirpate from the sea and shores of the kingdom of either party, nor should they be received upon any terms into the lands or bounds of either party; and they should be bound to keep and defend the islands and districts of their jurisdiction against the incursion of whatever robbers or pirates by whom the subjects could any manner of way be damaged in their trading, navigation, and fishing. And of those who presumed to turn pirates, having no certain dwelling, but betook themselves to desert islands, or other unknown places, by whom the subjects of either prince should receive damage, either party at the request of the other, should be bound to betake themselves to common arms, and should not leave off until these taken had suffered condign punishment. And they should proceed in the same manner against their sustainers and favourers, if any such were to be found in either of the princes dominions; and as to the number and quality of ships to be furnished by the said princes when necessity required, should be treated and agreed to, and the fishing and the free use of the sea ought to be duly and sincerely observed, conform to the foresaid treaty the 19th of February 1541, betwixt the said Mary, Queen of Hungary, and the Ambassador of the King of Scotland.

Item, If it should happen (as God forbid) any thing to be done or attempted by inadverting or otherways by the said parties, or either of them, or their heirs and successors, their vassals, subjects, and tributaries in time to come, either on land or

sea, against the tenor of this present treaty and league, yet the present peace and confederacy should not thereby be broken, or anyways reputed to be annulled, but the same should remain in its full force, neither should war be moved on that account, but those things attempted and done in the contrary should be repaired and restored to the party leased, and only those attempting or doing the damage, and none others, should be punished in their goods and persons, neither ought there letters of reprisals to be given out, nor those who did not the harm any way molested.

Moreover, the privileges granted to the subjects of Scotland by Ludovick Earl of Flanders, anno 1359, and confirmed by Philip Duke of Burgundy, anno 1394, and the agreement betwixt the deputies of the King of Scotland and Philip Duke of Burgundy, anno 1427, and confirmed by Charles Duke of Burgundy, in the month of March 1469, as also the agreement in the year 1529, and confirmed by his Imperial Majesty, anno 1531, after the form and tenor of the samen, should remain in their full force and strength; and on the other part, the whole privileges contained in the above agreements, contracts, and treaties, may be lawfully used and enjoyed in the Kingdom of Scotland by all his Imperial Majesty's subjects.

Item, upon the part of his Imperial Majesty, his said commissioners reserved, included, and compounded in this treaty and league, the King of the Romans, Hungary and Bohemia, the Most Christian King of France, the King of England, the King of Denmark and Norway, and the Estates of the Roman Empire: And upon the part of the Queen of Scotland, her ambassador included and comprehended the Most Christian King, the King of the Romans, England, and Bohemia, King of Denmark and Norway, and the Estates of the Roman Empire.

Item, For the more strength of the premises, the present treaty should be ratified and confirmed by his Imperial Majesty, for him, his heirs and successors, on the one part, and on account of the Queen of Scotland's pupillarity, by her tutor and governor, and the Lords of the Great Council, and by the nobility and States of the Kingdom, as well for the said Queen, her heirs and successors, kings and queens of Scotland, as for the said Kingdom and subjects thereof, on the other part, in suitable form, and with an oath, and the instruments of ratification to be expede under proper seals, and produced and delivered the 1st day of May the following year, 1551, in the town of Antwerp, by the commissioners to be deputed by both parties for that effect, and nevertheless the peace should be firm and sure from the date thereof, and it should be lawful to the subjects of either party to do and to trade as if the said ratifications were instantly produced by both parties; and the said present peace and agreement ought to be by both parties published and proclaimed in all principal cities and places of their kingdoms, where the same used to be done, as soon as possible, without any fraud or delay.

In testimony whereof, the said Imperial Commissaries, and the Ambassador of the Queen of Scotland, in name of the foresaid, sealed these present letters with their seals, and subscribed the same with their hands, dated at (*blank*), in Hainault, the 15th December 1550.

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Then follows the Commission granted by his Imperial Majesty to his Commissioners therein named, whereof Mary, Queen of Hungary, Regent and Governor of the Netherlands, his sister, is one, dated at Brussels, the 1st day of November 1550, in the 31st year of his being Emperor, and 35th year of his reign over Spain, Sicily, &c.

And then follows the Commission by the Queen of Scotland, with advice of her Tutor and Governor, and Lords of her great Council, in favours of the said Thomas Erskine, knight, the eldest son of the lord and family of Erskine, and bears date at Edinburgh, the 8th of September 1550, the 8th year of the Queen's reign.

Then follows the Emperor's ratification and confirmation of the said treaty, bearing that he, being fully informed of all and sundry the matters treated and concluded upon, and having sufficient knowledge thereof, and heartily wishing to renew the old friendship with the said Queen of Scots, her kingdom, dominion, lands and subjects, and to renew a sincere and perpetual peace and agreement: he approved, ratified, and confirmed the foresaid treaty in the haill heads, points, clauses, and articles thereof, conform to the tenor of the same, of his own proper knowledge and free will. And, moreover, he expressly promised by these presents, by oath taken upon the holy evangels, and on the word of an Emperor, for him, and his heirs and successors, to fulfil and inviolably observe all and singular what is contained in the above treaty, and neither do nor come in the contrar thereof any manner of way, directly nor indirectly, under whatever colour or pretext.

Given in the Imperial City of Auxburgh, the 1st of April 1551, after Pasche, in the 32d year of his being Emperor, and 37th year of his being King of Spain.

This Extract Treaty of Peace is under the subscription of Alexander Hay, Lord Register, bearing that this copy agreed with the original, being copied and collationed by him.

And upon the back it is called:—Extract of the Peace betwixt this Realm and the Emperor Charles the 5th; and is said to be registered in the Council Books of the Burgh of Edinburgh, the 7th of December 1580.

(2). *Bond by the Burghs regarding the payment of burgh maills in sterling money.* [Preserved in the archives of the City.]

AT EDINBRUGH the sext day of Merche ane thousand sex hundreth yeiris it is appointit and aggreit betuixt the commissioneris of burrowis vndersubscryuand, quha war speciale conwenit for deilling with his maiestie for taking away of the contrauersie of the payment of the burrow maleis according to the sterling money mentionat in thair infeftementis in maner following: To witt, the saidis commissioneris be thir presentis geffis thair full commissioun to William Maull baillie and commissioner for Edinburgh, Androw Ray commissioner for Perthe, Johne Schewen commissioner for Dundy, Mr Johne Cheyne and Mr Robert Mar commissioneris for

the brugh of Aberdene, to intreat confere transact and agre with his Maiestie, or sic as his grace sall depute, for taking away of the said contreuersie in sic sorte that the saidis burrowis sall nocht be astrikit to pay ony vther soumeis for thair burrow maleis bot current money of the realme and as thai haue bene in vse to pay thir dyuerssis yeiris bygane and to obtene sufficient securitte thairvpoun: and quhatsumewir soumeis of money it sall happin the saidis commissioneris to promeis or deburse to his maieste to that effect the saidis commissioneris be thir presentis bindis and oblissis thame for thame selffis and taking the burding vpoun thame for thair saidis brughis to refound content and pay the samyn agane euere ane for thair awin pairt according to the raitt and proportioun of the sterling money mentionat in thair brughis infeftmentis to the saidis persouns quha sall happin to be obleist thairfoir or yit deburse the samyn bot preiudice awayis of sic releiff as may be had of the remanent burrowis of this realm of thair liberalite or be the law and actis of burrowis and heirto the saidis commissioneris bindis and oblissis thame thair airis executouris and brughis in maner foirsaid and for the mair securitte ar content and consentis that thir presentis be insert and registrat in the buikis of our souerane lordis counsale and sessioun thair to haue the strenth of ane act and decreit of the lordis thairof with executoriallis of horneing poinding and wairding to be derect thairvpoun the ane but preiudice of the vther and the horneing to pas vpoun ane sempill chairge of sex dayis alanerle and to that effect makis and constitutis Maisteris (*blank*) and ilk ane of them coniunctle and seuerale our procuratouris to speir for ws and in our nameis consent to the registratioun of the obligatioun abouewrittin. IN WITNES of the quhilk thir presentis writtin be Johne Nesbett seruitour to Mr Alexander Guthre commoun clerk of the brugh of Edinbrugh and subscryuit with our handis as followis day yeir and place foirsaid before thir witnessis Mr Alexander Guthre commoun clerk of the brugh of Edinbrugh, James Tempill merchant in Glasgow, John Nesbett seruitour to the said Mr Alexander, and James Wynraham agent to the burrowis, with vtheris dyuerssis.

M. ALEX^R. GUTHRE, Witnes.
JOHNNE NESBETT, Witnes.
JAMES TEMPILL, Witnes.
JA. WYNRAME, Witnes.

ARCHIBALD ALLANE, commissioner for Stirling.
ANDRO KER, commissioner for Linlithgow.
JAMES KIRKWOD, commissioner for Hadingtoun.
WILLIAM BARCLAY, commissioner for Montros.
GAWIN LOKHART, commissioner for Lanark.
ALEXR. WILKESON, commissionar for Lauder.
JHONE DOUGLAS, for Cral.
JHONE REID, commissioner of Kingorne.
ANDRO HUNTER, commissioner for Forfar.

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(3). *Extract Decree of the Lords of Secret Council as to the expenses of apprehending and executing Stercovius.* [Preserved in the archives of the City.]

At Edinburgh, the nynt day of December the yeir of God j^{m} vj^{c} and thriettene yeiris, anent oure souerane lordis letteres, reasit at the instance of Sir William Oliphant of Newtoun knycht, his maiesteis aduocat, for his heynes interesse, makand mentioun that quhair his maiesteis earnest cair to preserve the honnour of this his heynes ancient kingdome, and tymelie to divert ony thing whiche may importe the least imputatioun or disgrace of the same, movit his maiestie, evin als soone as his heynes hard of that infamous libell so maliciouslie wreattin be ane Stercouius, to the grite infamie and disgrace of this haill natioun, to direct Mr Patrick Gordoun, his heynes agent in these pairtis, quhair the said Stercouius lived, to imploy his best indevoiris and to omitt no meanis industrie or chairgeis that mycht procure the said libell to be recallit and the authour thairof to be condignlie pvnist, haueing for the said Mr Patrik his better succes in that busynes recommendit him by his heynes speciall lettres to suche as could do best for him to obtene the satisfactioun of his maiesteis deseignis quhairin the said Mr Patrik his travellis wes secundit with suche good succes as bothe the lybell wes recallit and the authour thairof hangit, wasching away by his infamous death ony stayne or blot which his malicious libell micht vtherwyse haif importit to the particulair disgrace of his maiesteis natioun, especialie of the burrowis whome that mater most neirlie and properlie concernit, in regaird of the grate nomberis of people of that estaite who hes thair educatioun, vpbringing, trade and handling in these pairtis, who being movit with the general exprobatioun of thair native cuntrey, and apprehending thair awine discredite and appeirand overthraw gif the said infamous booke had nocht bene suppressit, and the authour thairof pvnist, thay be thair petitioun exhibite vnto his maiestie, acquentit his heynes thairwith, and humblie intreatit his maiestie to provyde some course for the persute and punischeing of the said Stercouius, quhilk his maiestie, did in maner foirsaid and his heynes said agent not for ony privat respect or particulair interesse of his awine bot onlie for the honnour of his natioun and obedience of his maiesteis commandiementis haueing intendit the foirsaid persute did in the prosequutioun thairof contract suche sowmes of money as behovit to be imployit in following of the same, extending to the sowme of sex hundreth pundis sterling, or thairby, oblischeing him to Dauid Gray his creditour borne of Scottis parentis in Prussia for payment thairof, and altho the burrowis of this kingdome whome this mater cheiflie concernis, and to whose credite and weill the persute of that actioun cheiflie redoundit, aucht in reasoun to refound the chairges and expenssis bestowit be the said Mr Patrik Gordoun vpoun the persute of this actioun, neuirtheles they refuise to tak ony ordour thairin, notwithstanding the seuerall recommendatiouns send be his maiestie to thame for that effect, quhairthrow not onlie is the said Mr Patrik Gordoun, and the said

Dauid Gray his creditour like to be frustrat of the sowmes advancit be thame as said is, bot iust occasioun wilbe gevin be thame to verifie quhatsumeuir the said Stercouius had most falslie and maliciouslie writtin aganis his natioun without remeid be providit: And anent the chairge gevin to the prouest and baillies of this kingdome viz. Edinburgh, Perth, Sterling, Dundie, Couper, Abirbrothok, Forfar, Brechin, Montrois, St Androis, Carraill, Kilrynnie, Anstruther Eister, Anstruther Wester, Pittinweyme, Dysart, Kirkaldie, Kinghorne, Brunt Iland, Dunfermling, Culrois, Innerkething, Dumbar, Dumbertane, Lynlithgow, Jedburgh, Selkirk, Lawder, Peblis, Lanark, Hadingtoun, Glasgow, Renfrew, Ruglen, Irwing, and Air, to haue compeirit be thame selffis or be thair commissionairis weill and sufficientlie instructit frome thair townes this present nynt day of December instant to haue hard and sene thame decernit to mak payment to the said Mr Patrik Gordoun of the foirsaid sowme of sex hundreth pundis sterling money as for the expenssis bestowit vpoun the persute and prosequutioun of the said actioun be him and attending and awaitting thairvpoun or ellis to haue schawine ane reasounable caus quhy the samyn sould not haif bene done with certificatioun to thame and thay failyed the saidis lordis wald decerne in maner foirsaid lyke as at mair lenth is contenit in the saidis lettres executionis and indorsationis thairof; The said Sir Williame Oliphant aduocat to oure souerane lord compeirand personale, and the commissionaris of the burrowis of Edinbnrgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdene, St Androis, Sterling, Glasgow, Linlithgow, Air, Haddingtoun, Couper in Fyff, Montrois, Brechin, Culros, Dumbar, Lawder, Selkirk, Peblis, Dunfermlyne, Innerkething, Renfrew, Ruglen, Bruntiland, Kinghorne, Kirkaldy, Dysart, Pittinweyme, Anstruther Eister, Narne, and Annand, siklyke compeirand personalie, wha alledgeit that the lordis of Secrite Counsaill can nawyse be judgeis competent to cognosce in this caus inrespect the same is foundit vpoun the payment of ane sowme of money, and not vpoun ane fyne for ony ryot commitit be thame, and thairfore sould be remitit to the judge ordinar, and forder it wes alledgeit be the saidis commissionaris, that the said actioun wes foundit vpoun ane impositioun vpoun the burrowis of this realme being ane of the thrie estaitis of this kingdome without the consent of the saidis estaitis, quhilk could nowyse be done bot be ane generall conventioun of the same or ane parliament, and thairfore that the saidis lordis of Secrite Counsaill sould be nawyse judgeis competent in this mater, to the quhilk it wes replyit be the said Sir Williame Oliphant, aduocat to oure souerane lord, that the said declinatour sould be repellit inrespect of the libellit summondis and the nature of the actioun thairin contenit, and that the sowmes acclamit wes for satisfactioun of the reparatioun of ane indignitie done to the honnour of this realme, and thairfore wes judgeis competent thairto: The Lordis of Secrite Counsaill findis and declairis that thay ar nowyse judgeis in the said caus, and thairfore haue remittit and remitis the decisioun thairof to the judge compitent. Extractum de libris Actorum Secreti Consilij S. D. N. Regis per me Jacobum Prymrois clericum eiusdem sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus

JACOBUS PRYMROIS.

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Inventory of City Charters. Vol. i. fol. 760. 30th June 1614.

Acquittance to the Burgh of Edinburgh for their part of a sum of six thousand merks voluntarily given by the Burghs to the King. [Preserved in the archives of the City.]

I, Sir Gedeoun Murray of Elibank, knycht, thesaurer deput to our Souerane Lord, grant me be the tennour heirof to have ressavit fra Alexander Peirsone, ane of the baillies of the burgh of Edinburgh, for him self and in name and behalf of the provest and remanent baillies of the said burgh, the sowme of ane thousand ane hundreth and fyftie pund vsuale money of this realme, and that for the said burghis pairt of the sowme of sex thousand merkis, quhairof the commissioneris of the burrois of this kingdome, maid ane free and voluntare offer to his Maiestie, in the particular conventioun of the burrois haldin at Edinburgh the tent day of December the yeir of God j^{m} vj^{c} and thrietene yeiris: Of the quhilk sowme of ane thousand ane hundreth and fyftie pundis foirsaid, as for the said burghis pairt of the said sowme of sex thousand merkeis, I hald me weill contentit, satisfiit, and payit, and dischairgis the saidis provest, baillies, counsall, and commvnite of the said burgh of Edinburgh of the samin thair pairt of the said sowme above writtin for ever be thir presents. Subscrivit with my hand at Edinburgh the last day of Junij the yeir of God j^{m} vj^{c} and fourteine yeiris, before thir witnesses, Mr George Tod, Mr William Brown, and Robert Logane, with vther diuers.

Sir G. MURRAY.
Mr GEORGE TOD, *witness.*
Mr WILLIAM BROWN, *witness.*
ROT. LOGAN, *witness.*

Guthrie's Inventory of Writs, fol. 745. 1510-1635.

Inventory of Writs concerning the privileges of Scotland in France. From a manuscript volume, entitled "Ane Inventar of the whole Wreats belonging to the City of Edinburgh," collected by Mr Alexander Guthrie, common clerk, 1638.

Followis the Inventar of the Wreatis concerning the priviledges granted to the Scotis natione in Fraunce contained in the fyftie four and fyfty fyve boxis.

Imprimis, Letteris patentis in forme of Charter of Francis king of France for the priviledges of the Scotis natione, exemptione of customes in the Duche of Normandie grantit under his maiesteis great seall, datit at Amboyse in Maii j^{m} v^{c} and ten yeiris.

Item, ane act of Exchequer consenting, werefieing, and approiving the saidis letteris patentis, daitit at Pairise the fyft of October j^{m} v^{c} and ten yeiris.

Item, ane act of the thesaureris in France, consenting, werifieing, and approiving the saidis letteris patentis, datit at Paris the tent of October j^{m} v^{c} and tene yeiris.

Item, letteris patentis frome the said Francis king of France to the gryt counsall

for expeding the former letteris patentes, datit at Pareis the xvij of Januar j^{m} v^{c} and ten yeiris.

Item, ane act, in forme of arrest of the grit counsall, consenting to bothe the former letters patentis, datit at Pareis the thrid of Februare j^{m} v^{c} and ten yeiris.

Item, ane act, in forme of arreist of the Court des Aydes de Pareis, consenting, werifieing, and approiving the former letteris patentis datit at Pareis the fourt of Januar j^{m} v^{c} xx yeiris.

Item, letteris, in forme of Chartor grantit be King Henrie the Second of France, and confermit under his great seill, for the privilegis of the Scottis natione and exemptione of custumes in the Duch Normandie, dated at Pareis in the moneth of October j^{m} v^{c} fiftie four zeiris, and on the saidis letteris and patentis, in forme of Chartor werificatione and approbatione of the Court of Parliament of Rouen datit the xix of Februar j^{m} v^{c} fiftie four zeiris, and also on the said letteris and patentis in forme of Chartor werificatione and approbatione of the Chamber des Comptes datit at Rouen the xiij of Merch j^{m} v^{c} fiftie four yeris, and also in the saidis letteris patentis in forme of Chartor werificatione is maid of the Court des Aydes of Rouen the xix of Merch j^{m} v^{c} fiftie four yeiris.

Item, letteris patentis in forme of Chartor of King Henrie the second of France, granting and confirming under his great seall the priviledgis of the Scottis natione and exemptione of customes through the haill tounes and pairtis of Normandie, datit at Pareis the thrid of February j^{m} v^{c} fiftie four yeiris, and on the saidis letteris patentis, in forme of Chartor, werificatione and approbatione of the Court of parliament of Rouen datit the xix of Februar j^{m} v^{c} fiftie four yeiris, and also on the saidis letteris patentis, in forme of Chartor, werification and approbatione Chambre des Comptes datit at Rouen the xiij of Merch j^{m}v^{c} fiftie four yeiris, and also on the saidis letteris patentis, in forme of Chartor, werificatione and approbatione is maid of the Court des Aydes datit at Rouen the xix of Merch j^{m} v^{c} fiftie four yeiris.

Item, ane extract furth of the Register of the Court des Aydes, of the dait the second of Merch j^{m} v^{c} fiftie four yeiris, declaring that the Scottis merchandis transporting wairis from Normandye to Scotland sall giue in cautione sic as they may fynd that the saidis guids ar dischargit in Scotland and sauld ther.

Item, letteris patentis, in forme of Chartor, grantit be King Henrie the Second of France, be the quhilk he dischargis the former act or decreit of the Court des Aydes anent the fynding cautione be the Scottis merchandis of ther guidis that they transport frome Normandie, and onlie oblissis them to giue ther aith giue it be requeyred that the saidis ar ther awine and to be transportit to the kingdome of Scotland. This is datit at St Germanes on Lay the thrid of September j^{m} v^{c} fiftie four yeiris.

Item, ane coppie of ane Chartor of King Henrie the Fourt of France, confirming the liberties grantit be the Kingis of France his predecessouris to the realme of Scotland as they are contained in the Chartors maid to them theiranent, and espe-

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ciallie be King Henrie the Second. This Chartor of confirmatione is datit the xxvj of September j^{m} v^{c} four scoir fourtene yeiris, collationed with the originall be Mr Johne Skene, Clerk Register, and under his subscriptione.

Item, ane supplicatione giwine in be James Colwin to the burrowis crewand recompence for obteaning of the said Chartor.

Item, ane coppie of ane warrand direct be King Henrie the Fourth of France to his courtis of Parliament and wtheris judgis, commanding them to restoire quhatsumewer hes bein takin frome the subjectis of Scotland, and commanding that they may freelie traffique through all his kingdome without any trouble. This wes giuen at Paris the xxv of September j^{m} v^{c} four scoir fourteine yeiris, collationed with the extract of the principall be Mr Johne Skeyne, Clerke Register, and under his subscriptione.

Item, letteris patentis, in forme of Chartor, grantit be Henrie the Fourt King of France and Navarre, under his great sealle, for confirmatione of the priviledgis of the Scottis natione and exemptione of customes in the Duche of Normandye, datit at Fontanebleau in the moneth of Merch j^{m} v^{c} fourscoir nyntein yeiris; and on the saidis letteris patentis, in forme of Chartor, verificatione and approbatione is giuene in the Register of the Court of Parliament of Rouene datit the xx of Apryll the yeir forsaid; and also on the saidis letteris patentis, in forme of Chartor, registrat in the Chamber des Comptes of Normandie with consent of the Kingis adwocate of the said court, the fyft of May the yeir forsaid; and also on the saidis letteris patentis, in forme of Chartor, registrat in the Court des Aydes of Rouen with consent of the Kingis adwocat of the Court des Aydes the tent of Maij j^{m} v^{c} foir scoir fourteine yeiris; and also one the saidis patentis registrat in the Bureau of Finances of Rouen the xiiij of Maij j^{m} v^{c} lxxxix yeiris.

Item, ane extract of the Register of the Court of Parliament of Rouen, in forme of arrest, consenting, allowing and approving of the saidis letteres patentis for enjoying be the saidis Scottis merchandis of the saidis priviledgis, daitet the xx of Appryll j^{m} v^{c} fourscoir nyntein yeiris.

Item, letteris patentis, in forme of Chartor, grantet be King Henrie the Fourt of France and Navarr, wnder his great seall, and derect to the Chamber des Comptis and thesaureris gouerantis of the Duche of Normandie, deschairging and annulling ther decreit of the payment of the fyft deneir on the leiuer imposit upon the Scottis merchandis in Rowen. This is datet at Fontainebleaue the xxj of May j^{m} v^{c} fourscoir nynteine yeiris and registrat in the Chamber des Comptes of Normandye the xxj of Junij j^{m} v^{c} foirscoir nynteine yeiris.

Item, letteris patentis, in forme of Chartor, grantet be Henry the Fourt king of France and Navarr under his great seall, and derect to the Court des Aydes in Normandie, discharging and annulling the former act of the said Court des Aydes anent the finding cautione be the Scottis merchandis of ther guidis transportit out of Normandie to the contrie of Scotland and bringing ane certificat of the delyuerie of the saidis guidis in Scotland. This is datit at Fontainebleaue the xxj of May

j^m v^c fourscoir nynteine yeiris and registrat in the buikis des Aydes with consent of the kingis adwocat the xxj of Junij j^m v^c foirscoir nynteine yeiris.

Item, ane extract of the Registeris of the Court des Aydes of Rouen, in forme of arreist, of registratione of the former letteris patentis, datet at Rouen the xxj of Junij j^m v^c lxxxix yeirs.

Item, ane extract of the Registeris of the Chamber des Comptes of Rouene, of registratione of the former letteris patentis, at Rouen datet the fyft of May j^m v^c lxxxix yeirs.

Item, ane uther extract of the registeris of the Chamber des Comptes of Normandie of the registratione of the former letteris patentis, datet the xxj of Junij j^m v^c lxxxix yeirs.

Item, ane extract furth of the Romaine buikis of Rouen, in forme of decreit, consentingand allowing of the letteris patentisand registratione thairof in thair buikis, datet the xvj of Junij j^m v^c lxxxix yeiris, and also ane extract of the buikis of the Romaine of Deip consenting thairto and registratione thairof in their buikis, datet the thrid of Julij j^m v^c lxxxix yeirs.

Item, ane extract of the registeris of Bureaue of the thesaurers of the Finnances of Normandye of registratione of the forsaidis letteris patentis, datet at Rouen the xiiij of Maij j^m v^c lxxxix.

Item, ane wther extract furth of the Burraue of the thesaurers of Finnances of Normandie of the registratione of the letteris patents abouwritten, dated at Rouen the xxiij of Junij j^m v^c fourscoir nynteine yeiris.

Item, ane act of the Romaine of Rouene of stayment of Scottis mens geir to be custumat efter the forme of ther priviledgis *jure specto* of not cenfirming of the same in King Lewis the xiij his tyme, datet at Rouene the xv of December j^m vj^c xj yeiris.

Item, letteris patentis, in forme of Charter, grantet be Lowis the xiij king of France and Navarre, wnder his great seall, for confirmatione of the priviledgis of the Scottis natione and exemptione of custumes in the Duche of Normandie, datet at Fontainebleaue in the moneth of Maij j^m vj^c xij yeiris; and on the saidis letteris patentis, in forme of Chartor, werification and approbatione in the Register of the Court of Parliament of Rouen, datet the xiij of Julij j^m vj^c xij yeiris; and also one the saidis letteris patentis in forme of Chartor registrat in the Chamber des Comptes of Normandie with consent of the kingis adwocat of the said court the tent of Julij j^m vj^c xij yeiris; and also on the saidis letteris patentis, in forme of Chartor, registrat in the Court des Aydes of Rouen with consent of the kingis adwocat of the said court the fourt of August j^m vj^c xij yeiris; and also on the said letteris patentis, in forme of Chartor, registrat in the Bureaue of Fynnances of Rouen the third of Julij j^m vj^c xiij yeiris.

Item, ane extract of the registeris oft he court of parliament of Rowan, in forme of arrest, consenting, allowing and approving of the saids letteris patentis for injoying be the saids Scottis merchantis of the saidis priviledgis, datet at Rouen the xiij of Julij j^m vj^c xij yeiris.

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Item, ane extract of the registeris of the Chamber des Comptes of Normandie of the registratione of the former letteris patentis, datit at Rouene the tent of Julij j^{m} vj^{c} xij yeiris.

Item, ane letter patent in forme of Chartor grantit be Lowes the xiij King of France and Navarr, wnder his great seall, direct to the Chamber des Aydes of Rouen in respect the first letteris patentis were first presentit to the Chamber des Comptes to proceed to the werificatione of the saidis letteris patentis. This is datit at Pareis the xxiiij of Julij j^{m} vj^{c} xij yeiris, and wpone the saidis letteris patentis werified and registrat in the buikis of the said court the fourt of August j^{m} vj^{c} xij yeiris.

Item, ane extract of the Court des Aydes of Rouen, in forme of arrest, of werificatione and registratione of the saidis letteris patentis direct to thamselves, datit at Rouen the second of August j^{m} vj^{c} xij yeiris.

Item, ane extract of the buikes of the Romaine of Rouen in forme of decreit consenting and allowing of the saidis letteris patentis and registratione thairof in the buikes, dated at Rouen the xj of August j^{m} vj^{c} xij yeiris.

Item, ane extract of the Bureau of Deip consenting to the registratione of the letteris patentis and aprouing of the saids liberties, datit at Deipe the xvj of August j^{m} vj^{c} xij yeirs.

Item, ane act of the buikes of the thesaurers of the Fynances of Normandie consenting to the saids former letteris patentes and of registratione in the buikis. This is datit at Rouen the thrid of Julij j^{m} vj^{c} xiij yeiris.

Item, ane act of the Bureaue of Newhawin consenting to the registratione of the saidis letteris patentis approwing of the saidis priwiledgis and publishing therof thair. This is datit a la Ville Francoisse de Graw, quhilk we call Newhawen.

Item, ane extract, in forme of arrest, of the gritt counsall of the estait of France, declairing that notwithstanding of the new taxe of customes new rasit in the Duche of Normandie wpon sundrie sortis of merchandice cuming in and entering in the said Duche of Normandie, yit neuertheles the merchandis of the Scottis natione sall not be haldin to pay any forder but for euerie hundrethwecht of Scottis wooll cuming in and entering into the said Duche of Normandie no mor bot twentie fyve solz for euerie hundreth wecht thairof of custoume in the Romaine for euerie peace of Scottis hydds, also cuming in and entering in the said Duche, but twa solz sex deneiris for euerie peace, and this for to eveit all proces that micht befall heirvpone; datit at Paris the tent of March j^{m} vj^{c} xxxv yeiris.

Item, letteris patentes in forme of Chartor grantit be Loues the xiij King of France and Navare, under the great seall, direct to the Chambre des Aydes and Masteris des Port of Normandye to proceed to the werificatione and approbatione of the said arrest of the Gryt Counsall and estait of France. This is datit at Paris the xx of May j^{m} vj^{c} xxxv yeiris, and wpone the saidis letter patentis is writtin, registrat in the buikis des Aydes of Normandie according to the arrest of the said court, datit the xx of Apryll j^{m} vj^{c} xxxv yeiris.

Item, ane extract furth of the Court des Aydes of Rouen in forme of arest of

werificatione registratione and approbatione of the saidis letters patentis arrest of the great counsall of France direct to them, datit at Rouen the xxj of Apryll j^{m} vj^{c} xxxv yeiris.

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Item, ane extract of the buikis of the Romaine of Rouen, in form of decreit, consenting and allowing of the saidis letteris patentis and arrest of the grit counsall of France. This is dated at Rouene the xxvj of Appryll j^{m} vj^{c} xxxv yeiris.

Item, ane extract in paper of the significatione and intimatione to the resauers of the customes of Newhauine of the former arrestis, letteris patentis, and of the allowing and werificatione of the Court des Aydes of the same dait at la Uille de Francoisse de Graue, quhilk we call Newhawen, datit the xxvj of Apryll j^{m} vj^{c} xxxv yeiris.

Item, ane extract of the Barreau of Deip consenting to the registratione of the saidis letteris and arrest of the grit counsall, bot the same not to begin but since the xxj of Appryll j^{m} vj^{c} xxxv yeiris. This is dated at Deip the last of Apryll j^{m} vj^{c} xxxv yeiris.

IV.—FROM THE RECORDS OF THE BURGH OF DUNDEE.

(1.) From the Council Records.

31st July 1604.

DUNDEE.
Report from the convention of the burrowis, Vol. iii. fol. 25.

Ane contributioun of 560 merkis grantit be the burrowis to the burgh of Irwyne for persewing thair actioun aganes regratteris, quhairof ilk burgh is appoynted to bring thair pairt to the nixt conventioun.

That the commissionaris of Dundie cum instructed to ansuer to the complaint of Haddingtoun maid anent the taking ane fleiss of ilk pak woll by 13s. 4d. custume and jd. for weying.

Item, to ansuer to the burgh of Forffares complaint, anent the taking of laidil fullis fra thair nychtbouris, and that our commissionaris produce thair richt in the nixt conventioun.

Item, that all sic as hes greiffis to give in anent the loissis quhilkis thai haif ressawed thir zeiris bygane in Hispane, present the samyn to the commissionaris appoynted to pas in Ingland, that the samyn may be remembered as occasioun beis offered.

Item, ane taxatioun grantit be the haill burrowis of sextene thousand merkis to outred the commissionaris appoynted to pass to Ingland for treating of the vnion, and that the samyn be payit befoir the xv day of August under the pane of 20 lb.

Item, that aucht of the principall burrowis convene at Edinburgh the xx day of August for giving thair instructionis to the commissionaris nominat to pas to Ingland.

DUNDEE, 17th Aug 1604.

1800 merkis borrowed for the expenses of the commissionaris of the vniouu, Vol. iii. fol. 26.

17th August 1604.

Quhilk day, the provest bailleis counsall and dekynis of craftis of the burgh of Dundie being convenit in the counsalhous thairof, hes concludit to borrow the sowme of auchtene hundreth merkis money of Scotland, for payment of the said burghis pairt of the present taxatioune imposed vpon the burrowis for outseiking of thair commissionaris to Ingland fra the persones following, viz: fra Thomas Auchinlek ane thowsand merkis, and fra Johne Bursye aucht hundreth merkis, and to mak twa seuerall obligationis vpon the payment thairof, and this to be payit agane be the collectouris of the taxatioune of xxxviij^{c} merkis appoynted to be vpliftit of the burgessis and inhabitantis of this burgh, for the caus aboue vretin, and payment of certane other debtis awand be the said burgh to the persones contenit in the said act.

James Low collector of the craftis his protestatioun aganes the the decreit arbitrall, Vol. iii. fol. 27.

18th September 1604.

Quhilk day, the provest bailleis and counsall of the burgh of Dundie being convenit in the counsalhous thairof, viz. Sir James Scrymegour of Dudope knycht, provest, Robert Clester, William Auchinlek, and Mr Johne Weell, bailleis of the said burgh, William Duncane, Johne Schewan, George Ramsay, John Bursye, Thomas Man, Thomas Waill, Johne Scrymgeour, Robert Wedderburn, Patrik Wedderburn, Mr William Farqusone, Andrew Flesheour, Patrik Yeman, Thomas Auchinlek, Patrik Lyoun, Alexander Ramesay, David Wedderburn, William Goldman, Alexander Kyd, William Will, James Low, persones of the counsale of the said burgh, for nominatioun and electioun of the new counsale of the said burgh for the yeir to cum, conforme to ane decreit arbitrall pronuncit be certane ministeris and commissionaris of the burrowis, anent the forme of the electioun of the counsal of the said burgh yeirlie in tyme cumming, of the dait at Perth the sevint day of Julij last bypast, comperit the said James Low, ane of the counsale of the said burgh, for the craftis, and in name of the saidis haill craftis (as he declairit), disassentit to all poyntis of the foirsaid decreit, and all that may follow thairvpon, quhilk may preiudge any richt, libertie, privilege, and immunitie grantit to the frie craftismen of the said burgh vnder dekynrie or ony of thame at ony tyme befoir the dait heirof, and thairvpon askit actis, and William Will ane other of the counsal for the saidis craftis lyikwayis disassentit to the said decreit.

Commissionaris to the conventioun of burrowes, Vol. iii. fol. 37.

27th May 1605.

Quhilk day, the bailleis and counsale being convenit in the counsalhous hes nominat William Auchinlek dene of gild, and Mr Alexander Wedderburn commissionaris to pas and keip this conventioun to be haldine at Edinburgh the sext day of Julij nixt, and ordanis ane commissioun to be gevine to them vnder the seall of caus.

25th February 1606.

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Report from the conventioun of burrowes anent qualification of commissionaris Vol. iii. fol. 50

Quhilk day, comperit Johne Schewane, and declairit that in the last conventioun of the burrowis of this realme, haldine at the burgh of Dumfreis in the moneth of Julij last, he, being commissionare thair for this burgh of Dundie, wes speciallie ordaint be ane act of the said conventioun to intimat to the magistratis and counsale of this burgh, the actis of burrowis maid anent directing of commissionaris to parliamentis, conventionis of the estaitis and burrowis, be extracting of the saidis actis and causing thame be registrat in the buks of the said burgh, vnder the pane of twentie pundis, and thairfoir the said Johne Schewan presentlie, for observatioun of the said ordinance presentit and exhibitit to the saidis bailleis and counsale the foirsaidis actis viz., ane act maid in the conventioun of the saidis burrowis haldine at the burgh of Glasgow vpon the thrid day of Julij anno j^{m} v^{c} foure scoir auchtene yeiris, and ane other act maid in that conventioun of the saidis burrowis quhilk wes haldine and begun at St Androis the first day of Julij j^{m} sex hundreth and ane yeiris. Quhilkis actis being oppinlie red and considerit be the saidis bailleis and counsale of this burgh, thai ordaint the samyn presentlie to be insert and registrat in thair buik of counsale, conforme to the ordinance aboue specefeit, quhairvpon the said Johne Schewan askit actis, off the quhilkis actis the tennour followis. [Here follow Extract of the 22nd Act of the Convention of Burghs held at Glasgow in July 1598, Supra p. 31, and Extract of the 13th Act of the Conventioun held at St Andrews in July 1601, Supra p. 102]

19th September 1609.

Jedging and measuring of salmon, &c. Vol. iii. fol. 91.

William Goldman and Valter Rollok, commissionaris quha kepit the last conventioun of burrowis at Cowper, maid report of thair proceedingis and speciallie intimat twa actis, ane thairof, that the commissionaris of ilk burgh befoir ilk parliament suld convene twa dayis, and ane vther anent the jedgeing and measouring of salmond hering and quhyit fishes and intimationne thairof to all the inhabitantis of the said burgh, quhilk last act is ordanit presentlie to be intimat at the mercat croce.

4th September 1610.

Anent the stapill port of Camphere, Vol. iii. fol. 105.

Quhilk day, William Goldman, dean of gild of the said burgh, commissionar electit be the provest baillies and counsell of the said burgh, for keiping of the last conventioun of burrowis haldin at the burgh of Creall, intimate to the saidis provest baillies and counsell ane act and ordinance maid at the said conventioun, ordaneing na guidis pertening to Scottis merchaundis quhaireuir the samen beis imbarked salbe transportit to na vther porte of the Low Cuntries bot to the porte and stapill at Campheir allenarlie, and siclyk declairit that he haid maid intimatioun thairoff

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to the merchaundis of the said burgh according to the tennor of the said act, and thairvpoun askit actis.

26th June 1611.

Commissionaris to keip the conventioun of the burrowes. Vol. iii. fol. 111.

Quhilk day, the provest bailleis and counsale hes nominat William Goldman and James Findlasone thair commissionaris, to keip this generall conventioun of the burrowis appoyntit to hald and begin at Sterline the 2 day of Julij nixt, and ordanis thair commissioun to be gevin to thame vnder the seall of caus and subscriptioun of thair clerk.

30th June 1613.

Commissionare to keip the conventioun of burrowis. Vol. iv. fol. 4.

Quhilk day, the bailleis and counsale of the said burgh being convenit in the counsal hous thairoff, nominat and electit Mr Alexander Wedderburn, thair commoun clerk, thair onlie commissionare to compeir for thame befoir the Lordis of Secret Counsale the first day of Julij nixt, to ansuer at the instance of Mr Patrik Gordoun anent Stercovius executioun, and refunding to him of the expenses maid thairvpon, and siclyk to convene with the commissionaris of the remanent burrowis in thair generall conventioun appoyntit to hald and begin the sext day of the said moneth of Julij at the burgh of Dumbar, and ordanis ane commissioun to be gevine to the said Mr Alexander to the effectis foirsaid, vnder their secret seall, quhairanent thir presentis sall be ane warrand.

30th June 1614.

Commissionaris for convention of Burrowis. Vol. iv. fol. 6.

Quhilk day, the bailleis and counsale hes nominat William Auchinleck and Patrik Kyd, bailleis, thair commissionaris to keip the next generall conventioun of the burrowis appoyntit to be hald at Kirkcaldie, the fyft of Julij nixt.

(2.) FROM THE ACCOUNTS OF THE BURGH OF DUNDEE.

Martinmas 1586 and Whitsunday 1587.

Burgh Accounts.

Item, on the 8 day of Maij delyuerit to Patrik Lyon to pas to Edinburghe to the Conventioun, ... 13 ℔. 6 s. 8d.

Item, gevin to Hakit to pass to Edinburghe for lettres to summond the customeris of Pettinwein to the convention, . . . 1 ℔

Item, payit for cereing of fortene formes in and out to the tovbuyth at the convention, ... 2 s. 4 d.

Item, on the third day of Jullij gevin to James Burn to pass to Pettinweim to summond the customeris to the convention of burrowes, . 1 ℔

Item, presentit to the commissioneris for borrowes in the tovbuyth the 4, 5, and 6 day of Jullij 14 quartis of aill, ... 1 ℔. 8 s.
Item, 6 quartis of wyn, ... 3 ℔. 12 s.
Item, for brede, ... 4 s.
Item, present to the commissioner of Air in his lugan, at the command of bailleis and consell half gallon wyn, ... 1 ℔. 4 s.
Item, 2 beistis sukeris, ... 16 s.
Item, for disting of the tolbuyth and conselhous after the convention, 10 d.
Item, payit for dereking of our letteris to the south west part of Scotland for keping of the convention of the borrowes heir in this burghe, 6 s.
Item, debursit to Petir Wedderburn for the banket maid to the commissioneris of borrowes in the month Jullij, ... 81 ℔. 0 s. 4d.

Martinmas 1587 and Whitsunday 1588.

Delyuerit the 28 day of October anno 1587 to Williame Duncane the soume of 16 lib. to pas commissioner for the toune to the conventione of burros.
Delyuerit to Patrik Lyone the 20 day of Julii to pas to Edinbroche to keip the conuentione, ... 13 lib. 6 s. 8d.
Delyuerit to Patrik Lyone for resing of the akis at the conuentione of burros, 30 s.
Delyuerit to ane boy that came out of Glasco to aduertes the toune quhene the conuentione suld be, ... 6s. 8d.
Delyuerit to Jhone Lyone for breking wp red to the burrowes, 3 s.

Martinmas 1588 and Whitsunday 1589.

Item, gyffen to Robarte Flecher and Jhonne Trell past to Santandrois to the conuentione of burros, ... 15 lb. 7 s. 4d.
Item, delayuerte Patriek Lyone comicioner for the tune to pas to Edinbroche to the conuentione, ... 13 lb. 6 s. 8 d.
Item, to Robarte Flecher, for his cherges in Edinbruche, and for letteris that he payit, is . . . . . 7 lb.
Item, to Jhonne Trell, ... 5 lb. 6d.

Martinmas 1589 and Whitsunday 1590.

Item, to Johne Findlasoun the tent day of Maij for keping of the conventioun in Edinbrugh be the space of xv dayis, . . . xx lib.
Item, to William Man in name of James Auchinlek for keping of the conventioun in Edinburgh the xvi day of Maij, . . . vj lib.
Item, vpone the xiij day of Maij delyverit to Alex. Scrymgeor and Patrik Lyon to pas to Edinburgh [to] the Quenis conventioun, . . xxx lib.

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Burgh Accounts. 1589-90.

Item, the vj day of Junij delyverit to James Auchinlek for keping of the conventioun of the burrowis in Abirdene, . . . xx lib.
Item, the xvi day of September delyverit to Johne Traill to pas to Edinburgh for keping of the conventioun with the burrowis in Edinburgh, x lib.
Item, delyverit to Johne Traill at his last returning fra Edinburgh, iiij lib. 6 s. 8 d.

(Martinmas 1590 and Whitsunday 1591.)

Item, to William Duncan the 12 off Januar to gang to Edinburgh to the conventioun off the borrowis, ... xl markis
Item, to William Duncan and Robert Flesser the 28 off Januar debursit be thame mair nor thai gott, ... x markis
Item, gevin William Duncan and James Auchinlek, baillie, the 5 of Merche commissionaris to pas to Edinburgh, . . . xxiiij lib.
Item, gevin William Duncan and Jhonne Traill the 15 of Junij commissionaris to keip the conventioun in Montroiss, . . . xxiiij lib.

(Martinmas 1591 and Whitsunday 1592.)

Item, to Patrik Lyoun baillie to pas to Edinburgh to keip the conventioun the xxiiij day of Maij, ... xxiiij ℔
Item, to William Duncan baillie to keip the general conventioun haldin at Kirkcaldy the xij of Junii, ... xx ℔

(Martinmas 1592 and Whitsunday 1593.)

To Robert Flecher for kipin off the convensiones off borros in Deysert, xx ℔
Item, gaiff to the clerk off borrows conform to his acquittance, xvj lb. xiiij s.
Item, in Piter Wedderburnis for the commissioneris that com out Montrois the provest beillzeis and pert cunsall beand their for ther disjunis, iiij lb. xiij s. iiij d.
Item, gaiff to ane boy that geid to Edinburgh with ane letter to the commissioneris, ... xxvj s. viiij d.
Item, gaif to ane boy that geid to Montros with ane letter about the commissioneris about Forfar, ... x s.
Item, to ane boy to gang to Sanctandros vith the lyk bill, . vj s. viij d.

(Martinmas 1593 and Whitsunday 1594.)

Item, gaiff to Mr Alexr. Wedderburne to gang to Edinbroch the Kings convensioun and the borruis, ... xx lb.

Item, to William Duncane commissioner to gang to Creill, . v lb.
Item, gaiff to William Duncane to gang to Stirling to the borrous convensioun his hors hyr and all, ... xxiiij lb.
Item, gaiff to William Duncane to gang to Creill, . . v lb.
Item, to William Duncane to gang to Sanctandros, . . iij lb.
Item, for the commissioneris off Montros, Cuper, in Piter Wedderburnis, Richart Blyth, Thomas Dawidsoun and ther serwandis for ther disjune and the wyn, liij s. iiij d.
Item, to Jhone Deis wyff for vyn quhane the commissioneris was gangin away, Patrik Lyoun, Thomas Davidson, Richart Blyth, and William Duncane being present vith sundrie vtheris, ... xl s.

(Martinmas 1594 and Whitsunday 1595.)

To George Mudie to pas to Edinbroch to keip the conventione day, xiij lib. vj s. viij d.
To ane man that brought the missiue for keping the conuentione at Perth, vj s. viij d.
To Williame Duncane, bailzie, commissioner to keip the conuentione at Perth the xxvj day of Junij, ... xvij lib. iij s. iiij d.
In Jhone Fullertounis hous for the commissioner of Montrois expenses togidder with the bailzies, sum of the counsell, and clerkis disioyne their, afoir our passing to Couper of Angous and for ane flacket and thrie pyntis wyne to transport with them, ... v lib. vj s.
Mair for our denneris in Couper, with drink siluer to thame that keipit our hors, and to the poore, ... xlv s. iiij d.
To ane man quhilk he debursit in Montrois at the commissioneris command and vnpayit be them, ... v s.

(Martinmas 1595 and Whitsunday 1596.)

To James Wynrame for ane wnlaw becaus this towne sent not ane commissioner to Edinburgh to the conwentione of the sewin burrowis appointit to hawe bene wpon the first day of August, . . . 20 lb.
To James Authinlect and Robert Flesheor to pas to Edinburgh to the conwentione of the burrowis, ... 40 lb.
To William Duncan balze to pas to Aberdein, commissionar to the burrowis, 26 lb. 13 s. 4 d.
Mair to Duncan Andersone for horshyr to him to Aberdene, . 40 s.
To James Garner to pas to Aberdein with him, . . 13 s. 4 d.
Mair delywerit to him for James Wynrames and Mr Alexr. Guthries fies agent to the burrowis 21 lb. 10 s. togither with twa rosnobils 16 lb. is 37 lb. 10 s.

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To Robert Flesheour to pas to Edinburgh to the conwentione of the burrowis, 16 lb.
To ane boy to pas to Edinburgh with letteris to James Wynrame, 10s.
To Patrik Lyon to pas to Dumfermling as commissionar to the burrowis, 10 lb.

(Martinmas 1596 and Whitsunday 1597.)

Item, delyuerit tell Jhone Findlasone and Robert Fleischeir and til Mr Alexr. Wedderburn til the conuentione at Perthe, . . . 40 lib.
Item, debursit at William Manis command til Jhone Watt til pas till Edeinbrouche comessioner, ... 13 lib. 6 s. 8 d.
Item, at William Duncanis comand til ane mane that broucht the comessione off the borrouis, ... 6 s. 8d.
Item, send comessioneris till Edeinbroghe, Patrik Lyone, Jhone Treill and Thomas Lyndsay, collector, the soume off . . . 40 lib.
Item, delyuerit till Robert Wedderburn at William Manis command and James Carmeichel til the conuention, . . . 6 lib. 13 s. 4 d.

(Martinmas 1597 and Whitsunday 1598.)

Item, to Jhone Scromngeor for his expenses in keiping conventione with the borrouis, ... 16 lb.
Item, to Johne Fullertons vyff for the bailzeis and klerkis disiune that day the reid to the conventione burrouis, ... 3 lb.
Item, giwene to be ther exspensis, ... 100 lb.
Item, to Patrik Lousone for ther hors hyr, . . 3 lb.

(Martinmas 1598 and Whitsunday 1599.)

Item, imprymis, to Patrik Lyoun to keip conventioun at Edinburgh the 27 October, ... 20 lb.
Item, to Robbert Flesher to keip conventioun the 9 of Februare, 20 lb.
To Mr Villiam Fergusoun to keip conventioun the 17 of Maij, 13 lb. 6 s. 8 d.
To Peyter Cleyhillis for keipping of conventioun off burrowis at Leithco, 40 lb.
To ane boy to pas to Peyter Cleyhillis with ane letter to Leithco, 30 s.
To Valter Hey to keip conventioun the 3 of Agust, . . 17 lb. 6 s. 8 d.
To Thomas Man to keip conventioun at Sterveling, . . 16 lb. 2 s. 8 d.
To ane boy to pas with ane letter to Johnn Fyndlasoun to keip conuentioun the 10 December, ... 26 s. 8 d.

(Martinmas 1599 and Whitsunday 1600.)

To Patrik Lyoune the clerk and Villiam Afflek to keip conventione in Perthe, 50 lb.

To Jhonne Findlasone and Jhone Traill to keip the conventioune of burrowis in Kyngorne and the Kyngis conventioune in Edinbroche, 66 lb. 13 s. 4 d.

Gaiff to Thomas Hunter he being boun to Edinbroche to mak the burrow compt, ... 18 lb.

Quhilk he gave Jhonne Fyndlasone at his coming their 18 lb.

To Jhonne Fyndlasone to gang to Edinbroche to mak the burrow compt, 10 lb.

Item, the 24 of December at command of the counsell for the bailzes and clerkis disjoune in Robert Wedderburnis, att Robert Flesheris coming out of Edinbroche for his keiping of the conventioun thair, the disjoune, . 3 lb. 8 s. 8 d.

The 15 of Appryll to the beilzeis and commissioneris disjoine in Vat Leyis, being bound to the Kyrktoune of Arrell to keip conventioune vith Perthe, 2 lb.

Item, the ellevint of Julij Jhonne Fyndlasone and Jhonne Traill, the clerk being present, thair denneris in Thom Sellaris they being bound to keip conventioune of burrowis in Edinbroche, the Kyngis convention, 3 lb. 12 s.

Item, the 9 off Februar send ane commissione from the towne to Edinbroche to Jhonne Fyndlasone to keip convention anent the Stirling mony gaif the post, 26 s. 8 d.

Item, for ane other letter careing from the towne to Jhonne Fyndlasone, 15 s.

Item, for Patrik Lyoune and William Afflekis horshyr to Perthe to the conventioune and ham againe, ... 4 lb.

Item, the 7 off Appryll to ane post for bringing ane letter to keip conventioune of burrowis at command off Patrik Lyoune, . . . 6 s. 8 d.

Item, for Jhonne Traill and Jhonne Fyndlasoune, horshyr, being bound to keip conventioune in Kyngorne and Edinbroche, . . . 52 s. 4 d.

Item, to Gardin the post to gang to Edinbroche to Jhonne Fyndlasone and Jhonne Traill, ... 13 s. 4 d.

Item, delyuerit be Jhonne Gray att command of the beilyeis to twa sundry postis that cam and geid to Edinbroche to Jhonne Fyndlasone, 53 s. 4 d

(Martinmas 1600 and Whitsunday 1601.)

To William Duncan the clark, John Schewane, William Auchinleck, to pas to Edinburgh to the conventione of borrowis, . . . 80 lb.

To Thomas Spens officiar for his expensis to Edinburgh with the commissionaris conforme to ane precept, ... 2 lb. 13 s. 4 d.

To Piter Wedderburne for ane disjoyne quhen the commissionaris past ower the water conforme to ane precept, ... 4 lb. 6 s. 8 d.

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To William Muresone for thre hors hyr quhen they past ower the water at 33 s. 4 d. peis, ... 5 lb.
To ane boy quha past to Edinburgh with 300 mark to the commissionaris, 13 s. 4 d.
At the command of William Man and William Duncan to ane boy to pas to Edinburgh with ane letter, ... 1 lb. 10 s.
To Jhon Schewan, William Auchinleck, to pas to Perth to the conventione of borrowis appointed thair, ... 20 lb.
To Jhon Schewan that he spendit more nor the 20 lb. he gat that tyme he and William Auchinleck past to Perth, ... 10 lb. 13 s. 4d.

(Martinmas 1601 and Whitsunday 1602.)

Item, at the command of Mr Jhon Lowell, thesaurer, to send letteris to the commissioners til Edinburgh, ... 2 lb.
Item, for four hyris to the comissioners to Kingorne, . . 5 lb. 6 s. 8d.
Item, for the comissioneris denneris directit till Edinburgh in Piter Vedderburnis, ... 5 lb. 15 s.
Item, to ane boy that brocht ane letter to keip the conventione of borrowis at Air, 13 s. 4 d.
Item, to ane boy that brocht ane letter for keiping the conventione at Perthe for the Iyles, ... 6 s. 8 d.
Item, to William Auchinlek direct to keip the conventioun, . 8 lb.
Item, to ane boy that brocht ane letter to keip the conventione at Edinburgh for the Iyles againe, ... 6 s. 8 d.
Item, to Jhone Schewane comissioner to Air to keip the conventione of borrowis, 48 lb. 13 s. 4 d.

(Martinmas 1602 and Whitsunday 1603.)

Item, to Petir Clayhillis to keip the convention of burrowis, . 26 lb. 13 s. 4 d.
Item, to him to pay the agentis fie, ... 21 lb. 10 s.
Item, to ane boy to go to William Auchinlek and J. Schewan to Edinburgh, 33 s. 4 d.
Item, to him that brocht ane letter for haldin the convention of burrowis, 10 s.

(Martinmas 1603 and Whitsunday 1604.)

Item, for 4 horses to the commissioners to Edinburgh, . . 5 lb.
Item, to Mr Jhone Lowell and the rest of the commissioners to pas to Edinburgh, 100 lb.
Item, to William Golldmane to the chargis of the commissioneris at the parlament in Perthe and conventione of burrowis 50 lb., mer to him 21 lb. 10 s. to make the borrow comptis with, conforme to his acquintans, summa is 71 lb 10s

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Item, to Andrew Low to be sent to Perthe to the commissioners on ane precept. 20 lb.

Item, to William Golldmane to the commissioners expensis at Perthe on ane precept, ... 15 lb.

(Martinmas 1604 and Whitsunday 1605.)

Item, George Ramsay commissionar to Edinbroche, . . 40 lb.
Item, mair to him ane other tyme to Edinbroche, . . 27 lb.
Item, William Auchinlek commissioner to Edinbroche, . . 20 lb.
Item, to Mr Jhone Lowell commissioner to Edinbroche, . 20 lb.
Item, to Mr William Auchinlek commissionar to Edinbroche, . 66 lb. 13 s. 4 d.
Item, Jhone Schewing at the convention off burrowis at Drumfries and vther chargis on twa precepis, ... 200 lb.

(Martinmas 1605 and Whitsunday 1606.)

Item, to William Auchinlek commissioner to Edinburgh, . 20 lb.
Item, for dichting the tolbuith quhen the convention of burrowis wes heir, 8 s.
Item, for flour, buttyr, and baking of shortbred, to thair drink in the tolbuith, 40 s. 8 d.
Item, the first day of thair meting being Tuysday 2 quartis vyn and eal, 30 sh. 8 d.
Item, vpon the Veddinsday nixt 3 quartis vyn, 2 eal, ane of beir, 49 s. 4 d.
Item, vpon the Thursday 3 quartis vyn, 2 beir, 2 of eal, . 52 s.
Item, vpon Fryddy, the last day, 6 quartis vyn, 3 beir, and twa of eal, 3 lb. 10 s.
Item, ane denner, to the commissioners of Edinburgh and sum vthir burrowis 30 lb.
Item, to the commissioners of Perth Strewiling and Lithquho, . 18 lb.
Item, with the clark of Edinburgh, ... 22 s.

V.—FROM THE RECORDS OF THE BURGH OF ABERDEEN.

FROM THE ACCOUNTS OF THE CITY.

ABERDEEN. 1581-2.

The secund day of May, etc., four scoir twa zeris, payt to the bringar of ane writtin fra the provost and counsall of Perth, to keip the xv day of Junii with the conventioun of burrowis, ... 6s 8d

The xx day of May heirefter, payit to the bringar of ane wrettin from Perth to keip the conventioun of burrowis, ... 3s 4d

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City Accounts. 1594-1595.

1594-95.

Item, to Alexander Hay, poist, to gang to Edinburt to the agent of burrowis to rais letteris to summond witnes in the cost syde to compeir at the conventione of borrowis in Perthe for preving the auncient possessione of our small customes and syiss boll, ... 10 lib. 13s 4d

1595-96.

The penulte of Merche, to Adam the poist, for the ganging throuche the haill borrowis of Scotland, to cite thame to the convention haldine at Abirdene the first of Julij, according to ane ordinance, . . . 15 lib.

Item, gevin and send to Edinburgh to Mr Alex. Hay, to rais letteris of suspensioun of the doubill charges execut aganies the toun for the burrow maillis, be vertew of ane act of counsall, of the dait the xiiij day of April, 1596, 10 lib.

Item, be vertew of ane ordinance of counsall, of the dait the xix day of Junij 1596, debursit be the comptar vpon the bankett gevin to the commissioneris of burrowis, convenit at this burght the first of Julij last bypast, quhilk was gevin in Thomas Donaldsones hous, . . . 165 lib. 4s

Item, to the said Thomas Donaldsones wyiff, for fyre, candill, neaprie, and occupeing of hir hous, ... 10 lib.

Item, to the maister cuikis, thair thrie boyes, with the porteris and woman servantis that servit at the said bankett, . . . 8 lib. 6s 8d

Item, be vertew of ane ordinance of counsall, of the dait the xiij day of August, 1596, gevin to James Settoun, commissionar chosin for this burght, to pas to Edinburgh to his Majestie, anent the mater of the customs and raid to the Ilis, ... 44 lib.

1597-98.

Item, the xxiiii day of Aprill, 1598, gevin at command of the prouest and baillies, to the poist that com to this burght with a missive fra the burght of Glasgow, for keiping the conventioun of burrowis to be hauldin in Glasgow in the moneth of July thairefter, ... 20s

Item, be vertew of ane ordinance of counsall, of the dait the xix of July, 1598, gevin to Mr Thomas Mengzeis, baillie, quhilk he debursit at the lait

conventioun of burrowis in Glasgow, for this burghts pairt of the taxation of twa hundreth punds, grantit be the haill burrowis to the reparatioun of the kirk of Bruntisland, ... 16 lib. ABERDEEN, 1597-8.

Item, gevin at the prouest and bailleis command, the viij of September, 1598, to ane poist that com fra Edinburgh to this burght for sending a commissionar to Edinburght anent the innovatioun of the custumes in France, 20s

1599-1600.

Item, to Alexr. Rutherfurd, commissionar for this burght direct to Edinburgh, anent the mater of the Stirling money, for macking of his expensisiss in the said commissioun, conforme to ane act of counsall maid thairanent, of the dait the xxvi day of December, 1599, . . 133 lib. 6s. 8d.

Item, to maister Johne Cheyne, commissionar chosin to Edinburgh in the mater of Stirling money, for macking of his expensiss, conforme to ane act of counsall of the dait the first of Februar, 1600, . . . 66 lib. 13s. 4d

Item, to the said Mr Johne Cheyne, commissionar chosin for keping of ane conventioun at Edinburgh, and als for keeping of the conventioun of estatis at Perth, for macking of his expensiss at the saids conventiouns, conforme to ane act of counsall, of the dait the xxv of Frebruar, 1600, . 200 lib.

Item, gevin, at command of the counsall, for ane seallit firlott of Leyth, 4 lib.

Item, gevin to Robert Elder, messinger, at command of the prouest and baillies, in drinksilver, for bringing a missive fra the king, witht a missive fra the king, witht a missive from the burrowis to this burght, together witht a precept of checker, ... 40s.

1600-1601.

Item, lykwayes gevin to maister Thomas Menzies, baillie, commissionar chosin for the convention of burrowis, be vertew of ane ordinance of counsall for payment of this burghes pairt of aucht hundreth pundis, grantit be the burrowis for hame bringing of strangeris to mak claith, . . 66 lib.

1601-1602.

Item, to maister Alex. Cullen, baillie, commissionar chosin for this burght to keip the convention of estatis at Perth, the xxviii of Julii 1602, and

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for keping of the generall convention of burrowis at Air, the v of Julij thairefter, for macking of his expensiss at baitht the saids conventiounis, 100 lib.

Item, to the said Mr Alex., for payment of this burghts pairt of the general. clerk and agent of burrowis fees at the said conventioun, . 16 lib

Item, yit, to the said Mr Alexr, commissionor forsaid for this burghts pairt of the soune of twa hundreth punds, auchtand be the burrowis to thair generall agent, at the futting of his comptis, conforme to ane act of counsall maid thairanent, of the dait the secund of Junii, 1602, . . 16 lib.

Item, be vertew of ane ordinance of counsall, of the dait the 3rd of Junij 1602, gevin to Niniane Wear, messinger, to fill up the soune of thrie hundreth fourtie four pounds, gevin to him in complet payment of four hundreth and aucht punds for this burghis pairt of the expensiss maid be the burrowis on the mater of the clayth and strangers, . . 26 lib. 13s. 4d.

Item, be vertew of the same ordinance, gevin to the said Ninian Wear, for his abyding within this burght, be the space of twa dayes, in aveyting on the said siluer, ... 3 lib. 6s. 4d.

1607-8.

Item, be vertew of ane ordinance of counsall, of the dait the xxix Junij, gevin to Mr Alexr. Cullen, baillie, commissionar chosin for this burght, for keping of the conventioun of burrowis at Selkirk, for making his expensiss at the said conventioun, ... 80 lib.

Item, mair, gevin to the said Mr Alexr. for this burght's part of v^{c} merks, gevin be the burrowis to the burght of Irvyne, . . . 30 lib.

1612-13.

Item, debursit to Alexr. Rutherfurd, prouest, for a pairt of his expensiss in passing to Edinburgh, commissionar for this burght concerning the prick measures, conforme to ane ordinance of counsall, . . 50 lib.

Ayr, 3d June 1583.

VI.—FROM THE RECORDS OF THE BURGH OF AYR.

(1.)—From the Council Records.

3d June 1583.

Convenit the counsale of the said burgh in the tolbuith heirof quhais names followis: Robert Campbell, provest; Adam Johnestoun, baillie; James Bannatyne, baillie; Archibald Fergushill, David Craufurd, James Craufurd, Johnne Jamesoun, George Jamesoun, William Campbell, Gilbart M'Calmont:

The quhilk day, the counsale foirsaid electis and nominatis Archibald Fergushill and David Craufurd to be commissionaris for the said burgh, conjunctlie and severalie, in the Conventioun of Burrowis to be halden thair the tent day of Junij instant and thair to be instructit with ane commissioun to that effect, gevand tham full power. Alsu ordane Johnne Massoun to stand during the Assemblie as clerk, and he is to be satisfied thairfor, and for the missives.

The quhilk day, the counsale foirsaid thinked gude and concludit that, gif the remanentt commissionaris deductis and impairis the extent roll of the said burgh to thair auld place, that in that cais the said burgh mak ane bankett honestlie and frielie, alsu gife thame wyne ressonabillie during thair remaning, upon the townis expensses and charges, quhilk thai concluid to be allowitt. And gif the commissionaris of burrowis bes not sua thankfull sua that the town sall not be impairit nor dimisit, in that cais concluid na banket be maid.

4th June 1602.

The saim day, votis and nominatis David Fergushill lait provest, George Cochren now baillie, and Johnne Lokhert, or ony twa of tham to be commissionaris for this burgh to the generall Convention of Burrowis, to be halden at this burgh the fyrst day of Julii nixt to cum, ordaning tham to be authoresit with ane commission to that effect . . . the lait provest to be fyrst in commission seand he will be moderator.

The same day, votis and nominatis the provest and baillies with David Fergushil to be commissionaris for this burgh, conjunctlie and severallie in the speciale conventioun of the burrowis of Glesgew, Donbartoun, Air, Ranfrew, and utheris, to be halden at this burgh the xv day of Junij instant.

14th June 1608.

The quhilk day, the provest baillies and counsale foirsaid no minatisand electis the provest and baillies to be commissionaris for the Burgh in the perticular con-

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vention of burrowis to be halden at this burgh the xv day of Junij instant, ordaning tham to be authoresit be commissioun to that effect. *Promittentes, etc.*

The same day, the provest baillies and counsale nominatis and votis George Cochrane baillie, to be commissiouner for this burgh in the general conventioun of burrowis to be haldin at Selkirk the fyrst day of Julij inst, ordaneing him to be authoresit be sufficient commissioun in the tounis name to that effect. Promitting dew attention.

26th June 1610.

The quhilk day, the baillies and counsale forsaid nominatis, electis, and voitis George Cochren, lait den of gild, to be commissionair for this burgh in the generale conventioun of burrowis to be halden at Craill the thyrd day of Julij nixt, ordaning him to be authoresit with sufficient commissioun in the townis name under the comoun seill thairof. *Promittentes, &c.*

(2.) From the Burgh Accounts.

26th July 1613.

Compt with Johnne Lockhart of Barr, provest, quha wes commissionar for this burgh in the Generall Conventioun of Burrowis haldin at Dunbar the sext day of Julij instant, for his expensis thairof, and of sundrie uther expensis of this burgh in Edinburgh in sorting of the tounis chekker and uther perticularis, quhairupoun he remanit xxv dayis or thairby. The baillies and counsale allowis to him for ilk day thairof xl s., suma fiftie lbs. for his expensis.

At his "furth ganging" he received from the town treasurer 100 lb.; but his total expenditure exceeded that sum by xxv lb. vij s. iiij d., which was ordered to be paid to him. The following item appears in provest Lockhart compt:—"For wyne and suggar to the clerkis xxiiij s."

19th July 1614.

The quhilk day, James Blair, baillie, quha wes commissiouner for this burgh in the lait Convention Generall of Burrowis haldin at Kirkaldy the fyrst day of July instant, maid his compt of his expensis debursit to him thairanent, and utheris the tounis perticular effeirs, as followis:—

Item, upoun the sorting of the tounis chekker compt vi lb. xij s.

Item, the clerk and agent feyis iiij lb. vi s. viij d.

Item, to James Wyrame the burrowis agent xxvi lb. xv s for this burrowis

pairt of the soume of ane thousand and fiftie pundis awand to him be the burrowis be compt maid at the conventioun of Burrowis haldin at Denbar in Julij 1613. AYR, 26th July 1613.

Item, payit to Mr Patrik Hemiltoun, the burrowis agent at Londoun xxxix lb. for this burrowis pairt of ane thousand fiftie pundis awand to him for the agent's feyis bygane . . .

Item, to Joseph Millar for his painis in assisting of the baillie iij lb.

Item, for expensis attending upoun the effeirs foirsaid xvij dayis xl s. ilk day: summa thairof xxxiv lb., extending in haill the debursingis and expensis foirsaid to i^{c} xv lb. viij d.

Bailie Blair at his "furth ganging" received from the town treasurer the sum of lxxx lb.: his total expenses amounted to lxxxvj lb. vij s. viij d.

He was also at his "furth ganging" entrusted by John Masoun clerk with four score pundis money of the impost siler collectit be him for pairt of the Commissiounaris expenses that went to Londoun anent the mater of . . . quhairof the said James hes delyverit to the said commissiounaris of Edinburgh fourtie twa pundis and hes repoirtit the discharge thairof to the toun. And sua restis in the said James his handis xxxviij lb., to be fourth coming be him upoun bonde to the toun.

VII.—FROM THE RECORDS OF THE BURGH OF HADDINGTON.

(1.) From the Council Records.

17th February 1563.

The quhilk day, the provest, ballies, and consall wnder writtin, with the dekynis of the crafts of the burgh of Hadingtoun, viz., Adam Wilson, thesaurer, etc., ratiyit thair commissioun gevin be thaim to Thomas Puntoun, ballie, to convene with the commissionars of burrois in Edinburgh the xxiiij day of February instant, and consentit to be taxit, gif ony be set furth in the said conventioun, sa that the crafts of the haill burrois within this realm be taxit, uthirvayis thai disassentit thairto. HADDINGTON 1563.

15th May 1567.

The consall ordanit John Forrois and Barnard Thomsoun, ballie, to pas commissionaris of this burgh to Sanct-Androis to the conventioun of burrois the xxvj of Maij instant.

28th August 1572.

The samin day, the consall constitut and maid John Carketill, ballie, and Adam Quhyntyne, commissionaris for the town to ryde to Stirling to ane generale conventioun, and ordanit ane commissioun under thair sale of office to be maid.